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How to Succeed Comes to Tabor Academy

By Eric Tripoli

Tabor Academy soon will present the popular musical *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying!* A cast and crew of over 45 students have teamed up this winter to bring this Pulitzer Prize-winning musical to life.

The story focuses on a clever young window washer named J. Pierpont Finch, who uses a handy how-to manual that explains the steps for guaranteed career advancement with the least amount of effort required. Armed with his book and quick wits, Finch infiltrates the World Wide Wicket Company via the mailroom and begins his ascent up the corporate ladder.

But like with any good journey, the road is paved with dangers and temptations. Ponty must brave the slimy schemes of Bud Frump, the conniving and unqualified nephew of the CEO of WWWC, who will stop at nothing to prevent Finch's rise to the top. He also crosses paths with a beautiful and charming office worker, Rosemary Pilkington, who is greatly concerned that Ponty will

be consumed alive by the corporate beast, while simultaneously falling in love with him (Spoiler alert: that feeling is mutual).

It is only when Finch meets the company's overblown, imperious CEO, J.B. Biggley that he realizes he is in a make-it-or-break-it game of wits and guts. And that's only the first act.

At the Tuesday night dress rehearsal, the cast and crew were equal parts anxious and eager. Two hours before the rehearsal was scheduled to begin, the actors were busying themselves with their preparations.

The dressing room, strewn with wigs on Styrofoam heads and make-up sponges, was humming with a certain kind of nervous confidence that is as exhilarating as it is frightening. Opening night may be in two days, but everybody was wearing their game faces.

30 minutes before the rehearsal began, the lighting techs were practicing cues, the pit orchestra was reviewing notes, and a girl in a blue, white, and red flowered dress quietly practiced some choreography on stage.

It's clear by their enthusiasm and professionalism that these students truly love live theater and the challenges that come with it. Senior Cal Heavey, who plays sleazebag Bud Frump, said one of the hardest aspects of his job was to play a character he feels is quite different from his real personality.

"As obnoxious as Bud is, I think he's still a very conservative sort of person, and I'm not. He has a habit of trying to be proper even when he's not doing it right."

For all the difficulty in playing the character, he



Above: One of the obstacles in the next leg of the Rail Trail is the Eel Pond inlet which will need to be bridged. The Friends of the Bike Path (Mattapoisett) will be holding a meeting on February 28 at 6:30pm at the Mattapoisett Library to go over the bike path progress.

On the Cover: Oliver Palmer, a sophomore at Tabor Academy in Marion, performs as J. Pierpont Finch in his school's production of *"How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying."* The show runs from Thursday, February 23 to Saturday, February 25. Photo by Eric Tripoli

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said it has been very enjoyable.

"Bud is fun because he's obnoxious and wants to be the center of attention all the time. I get a chance to bring out all my bad qualities and it's fun," he said.

The machine that is live theater does not work without all hands on deck. While the actors are the most visibly prominent people involved, the folks behind the scenes – from the student who opens and closes the curtains to the team that built the sets and designed the lighting – are responsible for pushing the show forward.

This year, the set team was comprised almost entirely of female students, a first for the drama club. Susan Kistler, the assistant set designer, said it was an empowering experience for the young women.

"It's a great thing. Having almost all girls helped them be more self-sufficient because they are responsible for all the set construction," she said.

Mara Mascolo, a junior on the team, is very proud of the work they all put in. "Knowing that we built everything up there is really cool," she said. And the "Techie Dance Parties" are rumored to be a lot of fun, too.

How To Succeed is a daunting show, running almost three hours with one intermission. Meghan Grant, a sophomore who plays a secretary in the office, said it has been hectic, but an enjoyable experience.

"I only have four lines, but I love it. Everyone is so friendly. By the end, everyone is more like a big family," she said.

John Heavey, the production's director, wouldn't have it any other way. "The most difficult aspect of this show is probably the length. You just got to move it along and the kids do really well with that. It's tough because it's a work of satire, so they always have to play everything really big," he said.

He chose this show because of the timeless nature of the music and lyrics. "I hope they [the students] gain an appreciation for one of the great classic shows of American theater of the last 50 or 60 years," he said.

Oliver Palmer, who plays Finch, is featured in all but two of the scenes of this behemoth of a musical. He said that taking the show bit by bit over the last few months was the best way to attack his character.

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"One of the biggest things that can help you is endurance. You have to be going the whole time. Finch is a really energetic character and it's tough to keep it up," he said.

Library Talk Explores Climate Crisis By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Snow in Seattle? 50-degree days in February?

The unseasonably warm weather has raised speculation among many as to whether climate change is playing a role. A talk on this topic by Mary Jane Sorrentino at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on February 18 attracted many locals interested in hearing how climate change is affecting New England, local



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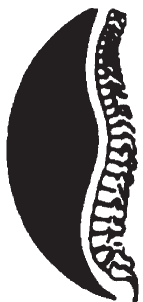
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coastal areas, and what responses communities can embrace.

The discussion took place in partnership with the Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee, which held its Caucus prior to the talk. But democratic committee member Luana Losvold said that Ms. Sorrentino offered the presentation at no cost to the committee thanks to the Climate Reality Project.

"We can never be told enough about climate change," Ms. Losvold said.

Ms. Sorrentino's talk delved straight into scenarios the world is facing due to rising temperatures. She said the effects of industrial practices, which emit carbon dioxide in the air through coal mining, deforestation, and burning of nitrogen-based fossil fuels, is changing the chemical composition of the earth's atmosphere and its oceans. Although Massachusetts is ranked number one in energy efficiency, it does generate 40 percent of its energy from coal.

"Carbon dioxide is way up. There is no historical precedence... We are above any level that naturally occurs," she said.

Ms. Sorrentino said heat trapped by these gasses has led to a myriad of consequences – such as the melting of ice sheets and glaciers at both poles and in general more extreme weather patterns (stronger storms, one-time intense rain or snow events, flooding) – that is affecting the Earth's "complex web of life." Overall, temperatures have increased by 2 degree Fahrenheit since the 1970s, she said.

In West Antarctica, she said a major ice sheet is melting to the point it may change the shape of the continent.

"The maps of the world would need to be redrawn," she said – noting estimates that the sea level would rise three by five feet by the end of the century.

"It may not seem like much, but it translates to erosion on the sea level," she said.

What's at stake, Ms. Sorrentino said, is "our way of life" – as climate change can impact local agriculture, the coasts, and winter recreation.

The dire picture presented by Ms. Sorrentino was



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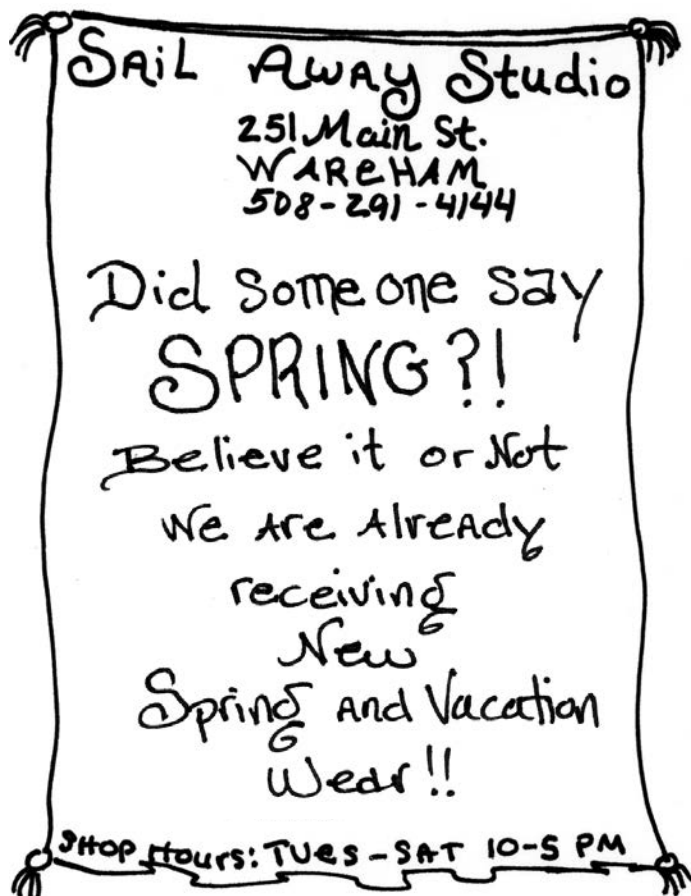

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followed by a more optimistic talk on ways humans can embrace a more energy-efficient and sustainable lifestyle.

She said the climate crisis has encouraged people to say, "let's rethink, and let's do things a little differently".

Namely, she discussed re-examining how we utilize transportation and how we build our homes – and the importance of turning to locally produced food.

"The average meal travels 1,500 miles," she said.

On an international relations level, she advocated, "putting a price on carbon" – such as a carbon tax or utilizing cap and trade. Although controversial, she noted that one regional cap and trade agreement reduced emissions by 27 percent among the countries involved.

She discussed ways of harnessing energy without burning fossil fuels, such as solar and wind power – while also encouraging people to find alternative ways to heat their homes.

"If climate change makes you feel down, you can do something to make you feel good," she said.

At the presentation, representatives from the South Coast Energy Challenge distributed pamphlets on ways people can work towards reducing their carbon footprint. For more information on this initiative – which is being rolled out in 27 communities in the SouthCoast – visit southcoastenergychallenge.org. The challenge includes access to a no-cost home energy assessment.

ORR District Braces for Possible Layoffs

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

With the possibility of staff layoffs at several Tri-Town schools, teachers and parents are in a cloud of uncertainty as to how their schools will look next year.

The ORR school district budget season has been exceptionally tough this year due to stagnating state aid, dried up federal dollars, increases in staff contractual obligations/health care costs, higher special education expenses, and more students opting to attend out-of-district vocational schools.

Preliminary budgets at Tri-Town schools have put many positions on the chopping block, but Superintendent Doug White is quick to say that budgets

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may change before they are presented at public hearings in March. And even then the finalized state budget can change it again before local school budgets are voted on at annual town meetings in May.

"Not a single position has been eliminated at this time," Superintendent White stressed, acknowledging that "panic" can set in when jobs are on the line. "We are only talking about scenarios of what would happen if revenues are not available," he said.

"There have been no pink slips," Mr. White emphasized.

He did say school officials have notified certain staff at all Tri-Town schools – with the exception of Mattapoisett's elementary schools – that their jobs may be

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eliminated or significantly changed.

At ORR Junior High and High School, school officials have spoken with 18 individuals whose jobs may be altered (ie. involuntary transfer – moving from high school to junior high position) or cut. \$495,000 in additional dollars is needed in ORR's budget to maintain the same level of services as next school year. Mr. White said at the February 8 ORR school committee meeting that \$221,000 in health insurance increases and \$81,000 in increases for contractual obligations for custodial and secretarial employees accounts for some of the added strain on the budget.

Some of the cuts at ORR proposed so far include five professional teaching positions, seven paraprofessional positions (instructional assistants), a librarian and custodial staff. Also, the budget would remove one of ORR's two nurses and replace that staffmember with a certified nursing assistant.

Hints at layoffs are worrying teachers at the schools, although they continue to do what they always do: their jobs, according to ORR teacher and Old Rochester Professional Educators Association (ORPEA) Co-President Terry Dall.

"There is a day-to-day damper on morale. People are worried about their departments, worried about staffmembers that may be gone, and that programs will somewhat be diminished because of staff [cuts]," she said. But Ms. Dall stressed that the issue of possible layoffs – as

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well as stalled contract negotiations between the school committee and the teachers' union – stays out of the classroom.

"Most teachers are trying to stay positive day to day, really things have not changed at all in the classroom. It's not something we talk to our students about," Ms. Dall said.

"Obviously there is a great deal of concern about these potential substantive impacts on programs," said ORR teacher and ORPEA Co-President Colin Everett. "We've managed most of the cuts to attrition in the past decade, but the school committee has not capitalized on savings as best as they could have."

Mr. Everett added that he strongly advocates using the district's E&D account – money set aside for emergencies – for restoring the operating budget. He noted that some one-time federal funds were put in that account, so he said it is appropriate to use towards the budget as long as the account remains in excess.

"If they are saying E&D is for a rainy day, increased class sizes and decreased electives is our rainy day... E&D should help cover the operating costs," he said.

Both Mr. Everett and Ms. Dall expressed concern about the nursing staff changes under consideration in the preliminary budget, with Mr. Everett saying it raises "serious concerns about school health and safety." Currently two registered nurses (RNs) oversee both ORR

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Junior High and High School; under the latest budget one nurse would be replaced with a certified nursing assistant. The move would save the district \$25,350.

ORR Nurse Kim Corrazzini, who said she has been spoken to about the possibility of losing her job, said the prospect of one registered nurse overseeing the 1,150 student population at both the junior high and high school is worrisome.

"From my point of view, it's important for people to understand that school nursing isn't what it used to be. There is a lot that goes on everyday... We have a lot of children with chronic medical needs, seizure disorders, life threatening allergies, asthmatics," she said, estimating that she sees about 35-50 students per day.

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Although Ms. Corrazzini said that certified nursing assistants are "valuable" – she said they are not trained to do assessments, and any decisions they make are under the RN's license. She added that the MA Department of Public Health recommends one FT RN nurse for every 250-400 students or at most 500 students. Above 500 students, there should be .1 nurse for every 50 kids – which equates to about 2.5 RNs for the whole student body, she said.

"And this is not taking into account the medical needs of the special needs population. They are talking about regular education kids," she said.

"All cuts are devastating, but it is important for kids to be put in the foreground. Everything that happens should impact them the least. Personally, health and safety in a huge thing," Ms. Corrazzini added.

At Rochester Memorial School, where an extra \$435,000 is required to maintain a level-service budget, the preliminary budget proposal presented on February 2 calls for: the elimination of four professional teaching staff, six fewer paraprofessionals, reduced technology assistance, and the elimination of one bus – among other things. The cuts would increase class size to as high as 26 to 27 students per class in the upper grades if pushed forward as currently presented.

More Rochester students attending Bristol Aggie, higher utility costs to run the building expansion, higher special education costs and contractual/health care increases are the main squeezers on the budget.

One teacher, who did not want to comment on the issue, would only say, "It has hit everybody." Some residents have not been so shy, with two submitting letters to the *Wanderer* this week expressing concern about the reduced number of instructional assistants and the loss of the science lab program.

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My daughter has a passion for Science and Music. She loves her teachers. What a tragic loss for all of the students if they had to lose even one of these educators or educational outlets," wrote third grade parent Stacy Carreau on the potential impacts of the cuts.

Meanwhile, Sippican School also is coping with a tougher financial climate. Currently the budget subcommittee is working to shed \$215,000 in expenses at the request of the town.

Superintendent Doug White confirmed that some Sippican staff has been spoken to about the potential for cuts/ changes in their positions.

Sippican Teacher Stacey Soucey said the mood among teachers at Marion's elementary school is mainly "uncertainty."

"We are uncertain because we don't know what it'll mean yet. We all just waiting to see what will happen, a lot can happen so you can never know," she said.

For more information on the budget public hearings, visit www.orr.mec.edu.

Selectmen Approve Aquaculture License

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Eric Tripoli

The Town Hall conference room was tightly packed as resident James O'Dowd was back in front of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, February 15 to request approval on a license application

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to construct a two-acre aquaculture farm in Nasketucket Bay. Mr. O'Dowd originally submitted his application for the oyster farm in December 2009, but was met with considerable opposition by Mattapoisett residents. The process has been so protracted due to the drafting of new regulations by the Marine Advisory Board, which the Board of Selectmen deemed necessary before approving the grant.

Mr. O'Dowd presented the Board with a revised location for his intended farm, one that is further out from the coastline of the State Nasketucket Reservation. Selectman Paul Silva began the hearing by reading aloud the cover letter of a recent report by the Marine Advisory Board, which found Mr. O'Dowd to be in compliance with applicable regulations. Similarly, Selectman Jordan Collyer read aloud the letter from Harbormaster Horace Field, III, concurring with Mr. O'Dowd's adherence to the bylaws.

This continued hearing, which has had its share of contentious moments over the past two years, was well attended but few in the audience asked questions when the floor was opened.

Seeing no conflict with Mr. O'Dowd's current proposal, the Board of Selectmen voted to accept this plan, pending the outcome of a benthic survey to be conducted by the Department of Marine Fisheries. The survey would determine the best location within the chosen coordinates for the oyster farm.

In other business, Selectmen heard from Allen Decker of the Buzzards Bay Coalition and Gary Johnson of the Mattapoisett Land Trust regarding the preservation of the Old Aucoot area of town. In their plan, the Land Trust would purchase 307 acres for general public use, in particular light recreation. Development on the land would be extremely limited, but would include

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boardwalks crossing over very wet areas of the preserve, the installation of a well to revitalize a popular blueberry grove, the construction of unpaved parking, and a 12 by 10 foot storage shed. The plan was approved by the Conservation Commission on Monday night.

The Board of Selectmen voted to accept the plan.

They also heard from Bruce Rocha, Jr. who requested to use 150 acres by the landfill for two motorcycle events this year. Mr. Rocha is a member of the motorcycle club -- the Plymouth Sands Trail Riders -- a non-profit organization of off-road motorcycle enthusiasts that donates about \$12,000 to \$15,000 each year to various charities.

Mr. Rocha requested to hold a race in April and



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November, over a two to three mile stretch of trails near the landfill. In exchange for the town's cooperation, he said the club would make a donation to Mattapoisett, to be determined from the parking fees they will collect. The Board unanimously approved the plan.

In addition, they appointed William Hubbard and Walter Reed to the Marine Advisory Board and COA Director Jackie Coucci as a member of the Tax Relief Committee.

The Board also discussed changes to beach rules and parking fees, a request for proposal specifications for a boat launch service, town legal services, expanding handicapped access for town facilities, and the acquisition of a trailer for the Harbormaster's boat.

The Board also voted to sign the Peg Access Agreement for ORCTV in conjunction with Marion and Rochester. Under the agreement, 30 percent of the money generated from Mattapoisett cable subscriber franchise fees will go to Mattapoisett providing its own local government-related programming to its residents. Both Marion and Rochester use ORCTV to film government meetings.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Parking Plan for Silvershell Beach Approved

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Marion Recreation Director Jody Dickerson received approval from Marion Selectmen on Tuesday, February 21 to pursue a new parking plan for Silvershell Beach that would limit nonresident guests to up to 20 per day.

Currently both Marion and Rochester residents are entitled to beach access (with beach permits), thus the rule would apply to guests from other towns. Silvershell Beach parking has space for up to 700 spots, but Mr. Dickenson said he has never seen the lot completely full.

These guests would be required to pay \$10 for a daily pass and a maximum of 20 spots would be available per day. Mr. Dickerson said the new policy could generate up to \$14,000 per year for the town – and that these monies would help recreation staff fix playground

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equipment, maintain beach buildings and perform other upkeep at the beach.

The plan was approved despite concerns expressed by Selectman Roger Blanchette, who worried about the transport of cash from beach attendees to the eventual destination of the Treasurer's Office.

"I worry about it ... People are people, when cash is around, some of it has a tendency to disappear," he said.

Mr. Dickerson said the monies would be sealed in a plastic envelope and delivered each day to the Marion Police Department, where the Recreation Department would retrieve it for deposit in the town treasury. He said once the money is sealed inside, it could only be obtained by ripping the bag apart.

Upon hearing Mr. Dickerson's plan, Selectmen Stephan Cushing said, "It seems like a feasible plan. I have no problem with the cash accounting, there is checks and balances."

Town Administrator Paul Dawson suggested the creation of a revolving account to help manage the funds.

Although the board approved the new policy, they agreed that it remains to be seen how it will pan out this summer.

"Let's take the recommendation, run with it, and see what happens," Selectman Blanchette said.

Resident Carol Sanz expressed concern how the policy would stop nonresident pedestrians from entering





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Silvershell Beach by foot, but Mr. Dawson said state law prevents restricting access.

"We can't prevent people from walking in by foot. It's a way of life, you can't stop that," Selectman Blanchette said. Mr. Dickerson said the guests who park on prohibited streets are taking the risk into their own hands.

On a related topic, Mr. Dawson suggested that the Rochester and Marion Selectmen hold a joint meeting to discuss disparities in contributions towards maintaining Silvershell Beach, in particular the lifeguard costs.

Mr. Dickerson said it costs \$60,000 to run the beach each year, but Rochester fees only account for \$3,500 of that amount.

"The point is that it's nothing compared to the entire picture," Selectman Blanchette said.

In other business, Town Administrator Paul Dawson received authorization from the Selectmen to pursue a Memorandum of Understanding from the town with Future Generation Wind to negotiate buying green energy, for which the town would earn credits. Mr. Dawson explained that Marion's Energy Management Committee recommended entering into an agreement with the company.

"It's a pretty competitive business. The nice part of the thing, is there is absolutely no consideration for construction anywhere in Marion but we can avail ourselves to buying credit and it could be a substantial savings over what we currently pay for utilities," he said. Future Generation Wind recently completed the permitting process to construct windmills in Plymouth.

Town resident Ted North cautioned against entering into an agreement, however. He said windmill energy is not a viable economic business and relies on "credit, subsidies, and accelerated depreciation."

"If these credits disappear, the whole project fails... I think we'll end up taking a big risk," Mr. North said.

Mr. Dawson stressed the MOU – which would expire automatically in six months – does not bind the town to a contract but opens negotiations, and that an exit policy will be available given that any issues arise.

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Other business of interest included word from Mr. Dawson that the YSI Building, an industrial building recently acquired by the town, soon will be utilized by the harbormaster's office for marine repair space and storage.

"I think there is possibilities of broad uses in that building, and we'll look at that," Mr. Dawson said, noting that the town is taking over the building the next day (February 22).

Three residents did express some concern about taking the building off the market, and whether operating

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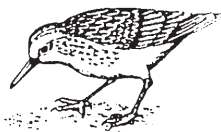
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"Would it be better to sell it, and put it back on the tax rolls for business?" asked Carol Sanz. "I just really question going at this piecemeal". Ted North also spoke, claiming that the building's hard economic cost in 10 years to the town would be \$48,000.

"The concern I have is does this building fit a specific need for the town, or are we taking a building and trying to convert it into a need for the town," he said, adding, "In other words, are we taking a square peg and pounding it into a round hole? I'd hate to see us spending a lot of money converting a building that does not fit a specific purpose of the town."

Mr. Dawson assured the residents that the building would be put to good use, and is needed.

"The opportunity to sell it will always exist, whether today or far from now," Mr. Dawson added.

Town Meeting Warrant Articles Discussed

Marion Planning Board

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

The Marion Planning Board is looking at two possible warrant articles to put up for town vote at the Annual Town Meeting on May 21. One involves relaxing setback requirements for building an accessory use pier in Sippican harbor, and the other would permit the building of an accessory apartment of 1,000 to 1,300 square feet onto an existing house so that multiple family members can live together in the same home.

Tom Magauran, who led the discussion, said that the pier proposal fell under the town bylaw 7.4, 4.5 which involves "inhibiting factors" that restrict the possibility of building a pier based on frontage requirements.

"We've seen an applicant with a pork chop type lot which was lacking the frontage required yet had a sizable waterfront frontage, yet it was denied...this is one of the unintended consequences of the upzoning bylaws," he said.

In the discussion on the accessory apartment, the board agreed that, even if passed at town meeting, the sewer and water issues would be a separate issue.

Mr. Magauran said that the passage of the 1999

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upzoning bylaws have created a burden for many town residents who live on nonconforming lots.

"We've seen people spend \$1,000 to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals to change a building on a non-conforming lot...setback issues should be discussed and brought before the town at the fall town meeting," he added.

"We need to have all board members present when we discuss changes to the bylaws," said Chairman Jay Ryder. Terri Santos, board secretary, included copies of the town bylaws to each member in their packet and said that the deadline for warrant article submission is March 9.

In other business, the board approved an ANR (Approval Not Required) application for Denise Allard and William Pettito for a property located at 63 Oakdale Avenue. At issue was an old outstanding ANR where the two parties were not in agreement on various issues.

With input from town counsel and the parties involved, the issues were resolved. A motion was made to accept the completed conditions of the ANR, as resolved between the two parties.

Mr. Ryder discussed two items under new business regarding comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals for two properties, one for David and Valerie Knott, 56 Allen Street and another for Elizabeth Smith of 5 Water Street.


"We'll let the ZBA do their thing, and we do our thing," said Mr. Ryder, who recommended that the Planning Board make no comment on the two applicants.

Tabor Report

Asian Dinner at Tabor Academy

By Jake Farias

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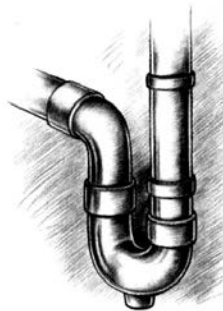
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While many of the more well-known countries, such as China and Korea, cooked their amazing and well-known meals, other lesser known countries such as Kazakhstan and Thailand showcased their offerings as well. These meals are worked on and prepared for a whole week, with massive efforts put forward in finding ingredients and cookware.

Students eagerly await the highly anticipated cuisine; many line up early to be first in line at the 5:00 pm opening. The dinner helps break up the monotony of school life.

Asian Dinner, like Christmas Breakfast and Super Bowl Dinner, is another special dining event that offers a little change of pace. However, unlike other events, Asian Dinner is unique in that it is a student-operated event. From advertisements to the servings, Asian Dinner is created entirely on the cooperation of kids from different countries who share a love for their culture and cooking.

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And for the rest of Tabor Academy, Asian Dinner is a delicious and highly entertaining meal that comes but once a year.

Sports Shorts

By India Krawczyk

Old Rochester Boys and Girls Track - ORR Track continued their undefeated season with both the boys and the girls winning the SCC meet. There were many first places achieved by the Bulldogs, with **Dan Donohue** winning the 300 meter, **Mike Wyman** the mile, and **David Friedman** the 2-mile.

For the girls, **Ally Saccone** placed first in the Hurdles, and **Meagan Bell** took third. **Sam Barrett** and **Janice Weldon** placed second and sixth respectively in the 1,000 meter, and **Paige Santos** took third in the 300. Next up for ORR Track is the state meet.

Old Rochester Girls Basketball - The ORR girls played well this week, beating Bourne 40-30. **Colby Garstang** and **Gabby Reuter** took control of the game scoring 10 points each. **Katie Wilbur** also contributed considerably tallying 8. Their record now stands at 12-6 overall and 11-4 in the SCC.

Old Rochester Boys Basketball - The boys also won this week, beating Bourne 64-49. **Matt Beatty** scored a game high of 14 points for ORR, and **Max Risch** and **Brendan Parker** chipped in with 11 points each. Their record now stands at 12-6 overall and 9-6 in the SCC.

Old Rochester Hockey - The Bulldogs were victorious against DR-Seekonk this week, winning 5-1. **Jeremy Lawton** and **Zack Mathews** had good games, each scoring two goals. **Alex Silva** made the fifth and goalie **Tim Kelleher** did well deflecting all but one of the 16 shots to the net.

Despite this win, the Bulldogs were not able to get past Somerset, and the game ended in a 4-4 tie. Scoring points for ORR were **Zack Mathews** and **Max Sherman**, each with two goals in the third period. ORR's record now stands at 10-3-5 overall and 8-1 in the SCC. Next up, they face Wareham.

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In looking through our 1962 yearbook, it's interesting to see what businesses are gone and which ones are still in business. Some of the companies advertising in the '62 yearbook that are still in business are: Franks Barber shop; Lloyds Market in Rochester; Hiller company; Marion General Store; Marion Sports Shop in Marion; and Mahoney's in Mattapoisett.

Among the businesses that are no longer around are Rochester General Store; Gibbs Dairy; Wilson's Gas Station; Rochester Hardware and Electric Company; Humphrey Insurance, and Martha Fearing Florist in Rochester; Harbor Beach Lodge, Jensen's, Rocky Nook Restaurant and Harbor Restaurant in Marion; Cathy Temple, Big Three Lumber, Coburn Brothers and Tinkham Pharmacy in Mattapoisett.

Anyone looking today at the telephone numbers for these companies might be a little stymied. Back in the day, Rochester's telephone change was Rockwell (i.e. prefix 76), Mattapoisett was Skyline (i.e. prefix 75), New Bedford prefix was Wyman (i.e. 99). Marion telephone numbers were, for example, simply Marion 266, Marion 200, or Marion 541.

In this day and age, business longevity is hard to achieve. Congratulations to the businesses advertising in the 1962 Triad that are still in business. Congratulations, also, to the class of 1962 of Old Rochester for all they have achieved over the past 50 years. Being the first graduating class of Old Rochester will always be special to us.

Ice and Cold Water Safety

By Lt. Patrick Saltmarsh

Some of my favorite winter memories growing up were of skiing, sledding and playing ice hockey on a local pond with friends. Whether we were sliding across the ice with a pair of skates or only our winter boots, the

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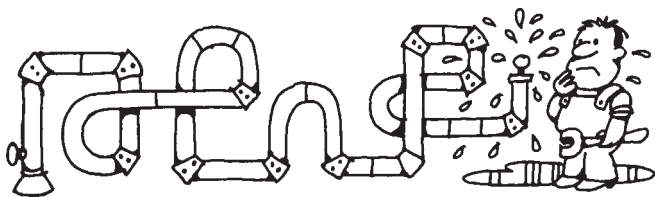
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excitement was nearly the same. The excitement one day however, turned to fear in an instant when I fell through the ice.

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Let's say you have taken all of the precautions and you're going to try your luck on the ice. As you walk out on the ice, you hear a crack and fall through. Suddenly you find yourself immersed in water so cold it literally takes your breath away. The pain is excoriating! What should you do?

First, try not to panic. Also, don't remove your winter clothing. Heavy clothes will not drag you down, but instead can trap air to provide warmth and flotation. Turn towards the direction you walked onto the ice, chances are this will be the strongest ice. Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface. Kick your feet and try to work your way back onto the solid ice. If successful, lie flat and roll away from the hole to keep your weight spread out. This may help prevent you from breaking through again. Once you have reached shore, get to a warm dry sheltered area and seek medical attention.

What do you do if someone falls through the ice? How about a pet? Call 9-1-1 immediately. Always resist the urge to go out onto the broken ice. If someone has fallen through and you are unable to reach that person from shore, throw them something (ie. rope, tree branch, etc). If you are unable to reach them, continue to speak with them and reassure them help is on the way. Upon the arrival of safety personal, inform them of the location and how long the person has been in the water.

Being safe and having fun can go hand and hand. Always be sure to recognize the dangers of ice and do

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To the Editor,

Attention Families of Rochester Memorial School: I am the parent of a third grader who attends the Rochester Memorial School. I also serve on the RMS School Council. It was recently brought to my attention (and others) that our school stands to lose staff members—teachers and paraprofessionals because of dollar shortfalls in next year's proposed budget. The positions that will be lost include classroom teachers, the Science Lab program, and six classroom assistants. As it stands today, class sizes in our upper grades could reach 27 students per classroom.

In addition, parents whose children take instrumental music lessons will be charged somewhere near five hundred dollars for lessons. These are programs and activities that will personally affect my child and many others as well. My daughter has a passion for Science and Music. She loves her teachers. What a tragic loss for all of the students if they had to lose even one of these educators or educational outlets!

They help to make her the unique and happy individual she is. They contribute heartily to the unique school culture at Rochester Memorial. In the past several years, teachers have since retired and sadly enough they have not been replaced. This is also true of our Assistant Principal who has yet to be replaced, despite the school population of 550 students. Even if you are a parent of a preschooler, with these changes, when your child does enter RMS, it will affect your children's learning experiences as well.

I would not have any of this information had I not been a member of the School Council. Its meetings are open for any parent to attend.

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questions or ideas pertaining to the above information. Or, please attend the next School Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 7 at 3:30 pm at RMS. The public can also listen and maybe get a better understanding about these serious concerns at the next Rochester School Committee meeting being held on Thursday, March 1 at 6:30 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

It's unfortunate that I could not attend the PTO meeting held on February 14 at RMS with the Superintendent speaking about the financial reasons for these possible losses. My eyes have been opened just by attending this recent council meeting and I will be attending the School Committee's meeting as well because the best way to help our school and its children keep the tremendous learning experiences they have now is to be informed and to inform the committee members of our feelings and commitment to education. We as parents must have a better understanding of this serious situation so we know what we can do to help.

Sincerely yours,
Stacy Carreau
Rochester

To the Editor,

A school community is an integrated web of students, staff, and parents working together. Over the years the Rochester Memorial School community has had all three of these important elements and it has created

a learning environment that has allowed our school to be considered a "high performing" school in our state. Unfortunately, at the time of this writing the Rochester Memorial School committee has been asked to cut over \$400,000 from its proposed fiscal year 2113 budget.

In a one school town a cut of this size will hit at the heart of the school and its staff. There is a very real possibility that there will be loss of 10 staff members including 6 paraprofessionals, the instructional assistants that work so closely within classrooms to aid classrooms to aid students who need extra assistance, as well as 4 teachers. Retiring teachers would not be replaced and others let go, affecting class size and taking some classes to 26 or 27 students each. Growth could bring those numbers higher.

There would also be changes to programs that touch many if not all our students. The Science Lab program would be eliminated. Instrumental Music would become a "fee for service" with families paying the cost for a year's lessons.

As stated earlier this information is current and accurate only at the time of writing this letter (February 15, 2012). This budget situation is an ever changing and ongoing process, which began with a \$350,000 cut, that has now grown to more than \$400,000. Throughout this process the students will continue to do their jobs and our very talented and dedicated staff will continue to do what they do best, be amazing teachers to our children. Parents, we must add making ourselves informed on this matter our job. The March 1 school committee meeting is a good place to start.

Sincerely,
Karen Ovia
Rochester

To the Editor,

We want to express our appreciation to Marion resident Eileen Marum for advocating on behalf of senior citizens and appearing before the Fall River City Council recently to do so. Ms. Marum, president of the Bristol County Chapter of the Massachusetts Senior Action Council, voiced the concerns of all those appalled by the new round of proposed budget cuts and its potential

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Eileen Marum spoke out regarding the unfairness of our revenue system, and how seniors can't afford more cuts. Already there is a proposed 25 percent cut for meals for seniors at Senior Centers and for homebound seniors. The \$1.5 million cut out of a \$6 million allocation to the Elder Nutrition Program translates into nearly 250,000 fewer meals available for seniors next year.

This is literally taking food off the table for older people, and it just happens to be one of the most visible and popular senior programs in the state, according to Ms. Marum.

Also, proposed cuts to the Serving Health Information Needs of Elders (SHINE) program reduces counseling available to seniors regarding the type of Medicare plan that would best fit for their needs.

We must give priority to this population who were for our towns in voting for schools, fire and police projects throughout the years. We need to invest in programs for vulnerable and low-income seniors so they remain healthy and independent.

Thank you Ms. Marum for speaking out on behalf of all seniors.

Sincerely,

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Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will meet Saturday, March 10, 10AM at the Underhill residence. Public Welcome.

Birds of Coastal Massachusetts

The Marion Natural History Museum is hosting "Birds of Coastal Massachusetts" with Vernon Laux on Friday **March 23** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall.

Vern Laux is a bird expert, butterfly enthusiast, international bird tour leader, columnist and author. Mr. Laux has birded extensively all over North America and visited all seven continents, including over 20 trips to the Antarctic, to observe birds and some of the most spectacular wildlife and scenery on the planet. He has written thousands of newspaper columns about birds and the natural world appearing in the New York Times, the Cape Cod Times, the Martha's Vineyard Times, Vineyard Gazette, and Nantucket's Inquirer and Mirror, and published magazine articles in a variety of magazines including Birder's World and Birding, and is author of the book Bird News-Vagrants And Visitors On A Peculiar

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Passionate about wildlife, especially birds and butterflies, his favorite group is shorebirds, fabulous globetrotting migrants that fly to the "ends of the earth" twice annually.

Mr. Laux was the ABC News "Person of the Week" with host Peter Jennings, the last Friday in August 2004 after finding the rarest bird in the Americas so far this century a Red-footed Falcon. He lives on Nantucket and is the Resident Naturalist, Land Manager and Education Director for the Linda Loring Nature Foundation.

The program will be held on Friday March 23 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, located at 164 Front Street in Marion Mass.. Cost is \$6.00/person. To register in advance please contact the Marion Natural History Museum, P.O. Box 644, Marion, MA 02738, phone 508-748-2098, or go online to www.marionmuseum.org.

Flower Arranging Program At RWC

The next regular meeting of the Rochester Women's Club is scheduled for **March 1** beginning at 6:30 pm. Following a business meeting, Bunny Mogilnicki will demonstrate how to make a basket arrangement of fresh spring flowers. Members are invited to join in. If you are interested in making a basket of flowers with Bunny, please RSVP to 508-322-0998. A \$15 materials fee will be collected at the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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SHS Presents: *Young Mr. Lincoln*

Friday, **March 2** will mark the second installment of the Sippican Historical Society's popular new program: Classic Film Fridays. One Friday each month, the Society presents a classic film and offers a discussion on its historical context or significance. March will feature the acclaimed *Young Mr. Lincoln*, starring Henry Fonda and directed by John Ford. The film depicts a decade in the early life of Abraham Lincoln, as he moves from a Kentucky cabin to Springfield, Illinois, to begin his law practice. Hosting the evening's discussion will be Tabor faculty member and classic film buff, David Pierce.

Future presentations will include *Sunrise at Campobello* on April 13 and *Maytime* on May 4. Classic Film Fridays are held at the Marion Music Hall on Front Street and are offered free of charge to the public. Films

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On March 16, 17, 18, 23 and 24, the Marion
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Rich Orloff and directed by Sheila Furtado. The play
consists of 11 two-character sketches examining love, lust,
dating, and romance -- from a date with a caveman to the
joys of dull lovemaking.

With influences of Monty Python, Saturday
Night Live, Jules Feiffer, the Marx Brothers, and
classic vaudeville comedy, these sketches vary in style
but all celebrate the inherent hilarity of male-female
relationships. Take note: this show is for adults only!

The Marion Art Center is located at 80 Pleasant
St, Marion. Tickets are \$10 for MAC Members and \$12.50
for non-members. It is highly recommended to call for
reservations: 508-7481266. Cabaret tables may be reserved
for parties of 4.

Marion Social Club Steak Dinner

The Marion Social Club is hosting a Steak Dinner
on March 4. Doors open at 12 noon, meal will be served
at 1:00 pm. The meal will consist of salad, steak, potato,
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Nasketucket Bird Club

The next meeting of the Nasketucket Bird Club
will be on Thursday, **February 23** at the Mattapoisett
Public Library at 7:00 pm. This monthly meeting of the
NBC will feature club member Arpad Lind as he shares
some of his bird photography. We are also starting a
feature every meeting where someone gives a short talk
about their favorite bird. Free to all. Come and share your
winter sightings with us.

UCCT FY13 Budget Hearings

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School will
be holding a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year
2013 budget at a special school committee meeting on
February 27. The public hearing will begin at 6:15 pm in
the Multi-Purpose Room at the school.

A copy of the school's budget may be viewed at
the Office of the Superintendent, located at the school on
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Gleason Family YMCA

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- Hoopin 4 Cancer Middle School Basket Ball Tournament, a Fundraiser for the Dana Faber Cancer Center, on **March 10** starting at 1:00 pm. Boys and Girls divisions, two game elimination, \$60 per team. Deadline to sign up February 25. Spectators welcome: Adults \$5 and children under 12 \$2. Gleason Family YMCA Southcoast, 33 Charge Pond Road, Wareham, Contact Lu Brito at 508-295-9622.
- Turbo-Kick Aerobics class starting Tuesday, **March 6** at 6:00 am for General Public, after March 6 General Public \$10 a class, free to YMCA members. Gleason Family YMCA Southcoast, 33 Charge Pond Road, Wareham, Contact Lu Brito at 508-295-9622.

Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its March meeting on the **March 7** at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm.

Our speaker this month will be **Joseph Langlois**, President of the Fort Rodman/Fort Tabor Historical Association. Our thanks go out to Mike Jennings and Dave Medeiros for arranging this presentation. Joe will cover, in detail, the development of the armament and artillery that was installed at the fort during the Civil War.

The founding and growth of the Historical Association will also be touched upon. Probably the organization's greatest achievement was the



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Tri-County Symphonic Band Concert

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Friends of Old Rochester Music

March is approaching and so is the FORM Annual Scholarship Concert! The Friends of Old Rochester Music are proud to announce that the Instrumental Concert will be held on Thursday, **March 8** and the Choral Concert on Wednesday, **March 14**. Both begin at 6:30 pm and will be held in the Old Rochester High School gymnasium.

Both concerts feature our fine choral and band students and directors from the Old Hammondtown, Sippican, Rochester Memorial Elementary schools, and the Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High schools.

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All are welcome. Tickets are available at the door only and are good for both concerts. Students and seniors are \$4, Adults are \$6, and a Family

Admission is \$20. A 50/50 raffle will also take place.

New Exhibits at the MAC

The Marion Art Center, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion, MA 02738 is pleased to announce the opening of an exhibition of photographs by Neil Alexander entitled "Portraits" on Friday evening, **March 9**, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The exhibition will be in the Cecil Clark Davis Gallery and runs through April 24. Mr. Alexander's photographs are exciting and colorful portraits of children and adults depicted in their everyday life as well as on special occasions.

Neil Alexander is a commercial and fine art photographer as well as a documentary filmmaker for over 25 years. His architecture, portrait and food photography has appeared in museum exhibits, books and publications. His award-winning films have aired on public television and in festivals, most recently on the National Geographic Channel. In 2006, he was asked to contribute his film, "An Eye in the Storm" and photographs of Hurricane Katrina to the U.S. pavilion at the Architecture Biennale in Venice, Italy.

Since September 2005, Al Neil and his family have resided on the SouthCoast following the events of Hurricane Katrina. They chose to stay in Massachusetts for the education opportunities presented to their son Calder who had just began his freshman high school year when the storm hit New Orleans.

Neil shares studio space with his wife, Nancy, at 88 Hatch Street in New Bedford and is a founding member of Gallery 65 on historic William Street in downtown New Bedford.

He is currently working on his latest documentary film "Finding Thuy", the extraordinary story about the return of two diaries of a young Vietnamese doctor killed in 1970, that were returned to her mother and sisters in Ha Noi 35 years later by the American soldier who cared for them (www.findingthuy.com).

In 2010, Neil had his first Massachusetts solo exhibition of photographs at New Bedford Museum of Art: Landscapes of Louisiana and the Commonwealth



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In conjunction with Youth Art Month, the art students at Sippican Elementary School, under the supervision of their art teacher, Erin Kirk, will exhibit works also entitled "Portraits". Mrs. Kirk has assembled a collection of portraits done by the children that includes several works from each grade level and represents various mediums, including sculptures, all of which will be on exhibit in the Patsy Francis Gallery from **March 9 until April 24**. There will be a special opening reception for the students and their parents on Friday, March 9 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

The main focus of the Art Program at Sippican Elementary School is the production, or making, of art. Most of the projects are introduced with an art history or appreciation lesson in which the students view and discuss the art of a selected period, culture, or artist.

The Sippican Art program emphasizes that learning to be an artist is much like learning a sport. With patience, persistence, practice, problem solving, and a positive approach, every student has the ability to create beautiful and meaningful art.

Boating Skills and Seamanship Course

A Boating Skills and Seamanship Course will be offered by the Onset/Marion Flotilla 63 of the United

States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Classes will be held on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Lockheed Martin (Sippican) Training Room at 7 Barnabus Rd., Marion, MA 02738.

Registration and classes will begin on Thursday, **March 1** at 7:00 pm. This course is directed to the first time boater and as a review for the more experienced boater.

For more information contact Warren Washburn after 6:00 pm at 508-789-3680.

Sippican Woman's Club Scholarships

Applications for the Sippican Woman's Club scholarships are available in the school guidance offices and have recently been placed on the website, sippicanwomansclub.org. This scholarship is available for Marion residents only. Recipients are chosen on basis of scholarship, service, activities and financial need. A letter explaining educational plans and goals, a transcript, and a letter of recommendation is required. Deadline is **March 30**.

South Coast Chamber Music Society

The South Coast Chamber Music Society will present "Calm, a program of classical chamber music. Flutist **Claude Cobert**, oboist **Donna Cobert**, violinist **Piotr Buczek**, cellist **Timothy Roberts**, and pianist **Janice Weber** will perform works of J.S. Bach, Franz Schubert, Alfred Schnittke, and Johannes Brahms.

The performance is scheduled at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion on Saturday **March 3** at 5:00 pm, and at Grace Church in New Bedford, Sunday, **March 4** at 4:00 pm. Anthony J. Lewis, Ph.D. will host a talk about the music twenty minutes before each program. Admission is \$18. Students under 17 are admitted free of charge. Both concert venues are wheelchair accessible. For more information on SCCMS programs, advance ticket purchases and directions, please visit our website, www.southcoastchambermusic.org.

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- **Minor League Softball** - Grades 3, 4 and 5 - Cost \$85 (includes uniform shirt, shorts visor and socks)
- **Major League Softball** - Grades 6, 7 and 8 - Cost \$85 (includes uniform shirt, shorts visor and socks)

Placement Day for Minor and Major Leagues To Be Announced on Tuesday, February 28, during Registration Night. If you have any questions please contact the Marion Recreation Department at 774-217-8355.

Miss Representation

A local consortium of women's organizations have convened and galvanized forces to show the film "Miss Representation" for free on Thursday, **March 8**, as part of AHA! Night. The public is invited to attend the screening event, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Whaling Museum Theatre. A facilitated discussion will follow the movie, and a reception to honor International Women's Day will be held in the Jacobs Gallery.

Mattapoisett Bulldogs Special Olympics

The Mattapoisett Bulldogs Special Olympics basketball team met with success on Saturday, February 4 at their preliminary tournament held at Bridgewater-Raynham High School. It was a day full of baskets, smiles, and high-fives! The team heads to Worcester for a full day of competition on **March 10**.

We need your support! A significant challenge for this team is financial. Uniforms and travel are costly. Any contribution is appreciated. Please make checks out to "Special Olympics" and put "Mattapoisett Bulldogs" in the memo section. Mail your check to "Special Olympics, 125 John Hancock Road, Taunton, MA 02780." Your donation is fully tax deductible.

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- ☐ “The Help” - Brunson Green, Chris Columbus and Michael Barnathan, Producers
- ☐ “Hugo” - Graham King and Martin Scorsese, Producers
- ☐ “Midnight in Paris” - Letty Aronson and Stephen Tenenbaum, Producers
- ☐ “Moneyball” - Michael De Luca, Rachael Horovitz and Brad Pitt, Producers
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Obituaries:



David P. Johnson, 78, of Marion died in his home on February 14, 2012 after a brief illness while in the presence of his loving family. He was the husband of Ruth E. (Morgan) Johnson and the son of the late George H. and Edith M. (Bjorkman) Johnson.

He was born in Worcester and lived in Shrewsbury for many years before moving to Marion in 1963. He graduated from Shrewsbury High School.

Mr. Johnson was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Korean War. He served as a Machinist Mate aboard the USS Laffey DD-724.

Mr. Johnson was an insurance adjuster and partner of Friedline, Carter and Johnson, Inc. for many years before retiring. Previously he worked for General Adjustment Bureau.

He enjoyed the outdoors and fishing. Other interests included furniture refinishing, painting and having conversations with people. But at the end of each day what mattered most was his family.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, Ruth E. (Morgan) Johnson; his children, David M. Johnson of Wareham, Evan G. Johnson of Marion, Steven P. Johnson of Middleboro and Deborah R. Kleinendorst of Grand Rapids, MN; 9 grandchildren, Patsy, Brenda, David Jr., Brooke, Morgan, Jared, Dylan, Kyle and Kelby; a great granddaughter, Trinedee; several nephews and nieces.

His funeral was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012 in St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front St., Marion. Burial with military honors will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Visiting hours were from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday at the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.

Donations in David's memory may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, P.O. box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

For directions and online guestbook, visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com.

Eleanor M. (Youngson) McGee, 77, of Marion, died Feb. 14, 2012 in the Sippican Health Care Center, Marion. She was the widow of the late William McGee and the daughter of the late William J. and Emeline (Barnes) Youngson.

She was born in Wareham and lived in Marion for many years.

Mrs. McGee worked at Carl's Floor Covering in Wareham before retiring. Previously she worked as a secretary for many years at W.T. Grants Department Store in Wareham.

Survivors include her sister, Judith Harris and her family of Lucedale, Mississippi; a nephew and several nieces. She

was the sister of the late William R. Youngson and Ina Westgate.

Visiting hours were from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012 in the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.

Donations in Eleanor's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5 Manley St. West Bridgewater, MA 02379.

Jean E. (Buck) Drury, R.N., 90, of Westport died Friday February 17, 2012 at home. She was the wife of the late John D. Drury, Jr., C.R.N.A.

Born in Rochester, New York, the daughter of the late Howard J. and Arlye Mae (Haddleton) Buck, she lived in Mattapoisett and Westport for many years.

Mrs. Drury was formerly employed as a registered nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Canandaigua, New York.

She was a graduate of McLean Hospital School of Nursing.

Survivors include three children, James Drury, R.N. of Columbia, Missouri, Arlye Drury, R.N. of Dartmouth, and Peter Drury, R.N. of Westport; a brother, Howard Buck of Michigan; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and her cat, Timmy.

She was the mother of the late John D. Drury, III, and sister of the late Robert Buck.

Her burial service will be held at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne at a later date. Visiting hours are omitted. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Medina M. "Molly" Gilbert

Medina M. "Molly" Gilbert, 73, died Thursday, February 16, 2012 at Kindred Transitional Care at Forestview. She was the daughter of the late Albert A. & Almendina H. (Barros) Lopes.

A lifelong resident of Marion, Mrs. Gilbert worked as a domestic for private homes. She graduated from Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School and was a member of the

Ladies Auxiliary of the Benjamin D. Cushing V.F.W. Post # 2425 in Marion. Mrs. Gilbert also served as Treasurer for the St. Anthony's Feast in Marion and in the late 1970's, she was the owner and operator of the Casanova in Marion now known as The Caz.

She is survived by three sons, Richard H. Gilbert, Jr. and Troy Gilbert both of Marion and Todd Gilbert of New Bedford; two sisters, Faith Lopes of Marion and Roslyn Lacerda of

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the Mattapoisett Fire Station. You do not have to be a Mattapoisett resident. Proceeds go to a charitable organization. Animals must be properly restrained. Dogs must be leashed and cats must be in cat carriers. Licensing will be available for Mattapoisett residents. \$12 for intact males or unspayed females. \$9 for spayed or neutered. For more information, please call 508-758-4100 ext. 8.

From The Mattapoisett Town Clerk

- **Town census** – 2012 census forms were mailed out the beginning of January, if you did not receive a census form please call the office at 508-758-4103 ext. 2 and we will be happy to take your census information over the phone. If you are a voter and fail to respond to the census, your voting status could be affected. Please check all the information on the form, make any necessary corrections, sign and return to PO Box 89 or you may drop it off at the town hall as soon as possible.

- **Dog licensing** - 2012 dog licenses are available during regular office hours. The dog's rabies vaccination must be up to date and the certificate on file before a license will be issued. There is also a renewal form on the back of the census form for your convenience, please fill in the necessary information, enclose your check and a new 2012 license will be returned to you

- **Mooring inspections/boat excise tax** – if your mooring number is preceded by a letter (a-h), you should have received a letter and a mooring inspection form in the mail. The form must be on file in the town clerk's office before your 2012 payment will be accepted. Please be sure the form has been signed and dated before returning it. If per chance you did not receive this letter and form, please call the clerk's office and one will be sent to you or if able, stop by and pick up the form. All excise taxes must be paid before your 2012 sticker and mooring/wharf or skiff payments will be accepted.

- **2012 presidential primary/absentee ballots** – absentee ballots for the presidential primary on **March 6** are now available in the clerk's office. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. You have until noon the day before the election to vote absentee if you will not be able to vote on Election Day. Please call the office with any questions or concerns.

- **Polling location** – due to the results of the 2010 federal census, Mattapoisett has gone back to a single precinct. The polling place has not changed, your voting status has not changed. The only change that you will see is just one check in the table when you enter. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Mattapoisett Lions Club

- **Scholarship** - The Mattapoisett Lions Club is a member of Lions International, consisting of 45,000 clubs and more than 1.3 million members making this the world's largest service club organization. The Lion's Club motto is "We Serve" and one of the largest charitable

causes of Lion's International include raising funds for Eye Research in an effort to end preventable blindness through out the world.

The Mattapoisett Lions Club announces one \$5,000 award to be given this year to a graduating high school student residing in Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester. The funds for this award are raised through fundraisers held by the Mattapoisett Lions Club throughout the year, including Harbor Days, an annual festival held in Shipyard Park every July and attended by up to 10,000 people.

To qualify, a graduating student or home schooled student shall be enrolled in their first year of a recognized school of higher education, must be a resident of the Tri-Town area, and have demonstrated service to the community. Special consideration will be given to those looking to a career in an eyesight related field.

Lions also encourage participation in the Lion's Youth Speech Contest sponsored every year by the Mattapoisett Lions Club. This event is open to all high school sophomore, juniors and seniors in the Tri-Town area.

To obtain an application, learn more about this award or to learn how to become a member of the Lions Club visit our website at www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org. Award applications are also available through the guidance department at your high school.

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Falmouth; three brothers, Albert "Rocky" Lopes and John A. Lopes both of New Bedford and Clifton Lopes of Mattapoisett; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her children, the late Darlene Gilbert and Darryl Gilbert and her brother, the late Robert A. "Bobby" Lopes.

Her funeral will be from the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy. (Rt. 28), Wareham on Tues., Feb. 21st at 8:00 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anthony's Church, 22 Barstow St., Mattapoisett at 9:00 AM. Interment will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Wareham. Visiting hours will be Monday from 4 - 8 PM.

For directions and on-line guestbook visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com



Frederick C. Sylvia, Jr., 93, of Acushnet died February 17, 2012 at The Oaks Nursing Home.

He was the husband of the late Eva (Harrison) Sylvia.

Born in New Bedford, the son of the late Frederick C. and Margaret (Mosher) Sylvia, he was raised in

Dartmouth and lived in New Bedford before moving to Acushnet.

Mr. Sylvia was an active member of the Acushnet Wesley United Methodist Church.

He was formerly employed by Morse Twist Drill for 40 years until his retirement.

Mr. Sylvia was a active member and Past Master of Quitticas Lodge, A.F. & A.M. and a member of the Howland Lodge, A.F. and A.M. He enjoyed carpentry and was an avid photographer and a former member of the New Bedford Camera Club.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II under General Patton in the 83rd "Thunder Bolt" Infantry Division. He participated in the battles of the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe and was the recipient of the Bronze Star, European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal.

Survivors include his son, Frederick C., Sylvia, III and his wife Janice of Vero Beach, FL; 2 sisters, Marjorie Ross of Dartmouth and Alice Rose of California; 2 grandsons, Kurt Sylvia and his wife Michele of Jupiter, FL and Darren Sylvia and his wife Lori of Vero Beach, FL; 5 great-grandchildren, Nicolas Sylvia, Marisa Sylvia, Alexander Sylvia, Abigail Sylvia and Jacqueline Sylvia.

He was the brother of the late Robert Sylvia, John Sylvia and Theodore Sylvia.

His Funeral Service will be held on Thursday at 10 AM in the Acushnet Wesley United Methodist Church. Burial will

follow in Pine Grove Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday from 4 - 8 PM in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Madeline S. "Nanee" (Silva) Tinkham of Fairhaven died February 19, 2012 at Tobey Hospital peacefully after a wonderful life.

She was the wife of the late Howard G. Tinkham.

Born in New Bedford on May 14, 1913, she was the daughter of the late

Antonio G. and Emma G. (Vieira) Silva, she lived in New Bedford before moving to Fairhaven.

She was formerly employed by Morse Twist Drill and later at S.S. Kresge's as personnel manager until her retirement.

Mrs. Tinkham was a graduate of New Bedford High School.

She loved to read but her greatest joy was her family especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter, Karen Oliveira and her husband Leonard of Rochester; 3 grandchildren, Michael H. Oliveira and his wife Deborah of Fairhaven, Kerrie Oswald and her husband Michael of Dartmouth and Ashley Hutton and her husband Jeremy of Wrentham; and 4 great-grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Albert, Wilfred, Fred, Carl and Helen Silva.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at 10 AM in St. Rose of Lima Church. Burial will follow in Rural Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday from 4-8 PM in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Milestone section, please contact our office at : 508 758-9055, by fax at 508-758-4845, or by email at office@wanderer.com. Included in the Milestone Section is Birth Announcements, Obituaries, Engagement Notices, Wedding Notices, Anniversaries and Memorials.

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- **Save This Date: Saturday, May 19** – recycle your appliances and electronics.

- **“Young Leaders in Service Awards”** – If you are a group leader of youth ages 12 to 18 that does community service and would like more information, please call Marianne at 508-415-7083.

For more information or to get involved with the Mattapoisett Lions Club, please contact KL Joe at lion41753@cs.com or visit our website www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org

New England Clam Boil

The Marion Fire Fighters Association would like to thank all who supported us in January and announce our next event. A New England Clamboil to be held on Saturday, **March 24** at Marion Fire Station One, 50 Spring Street Meeting Hall. Doors will open at 5:00 pm with a traditional winter seafood dinner served from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. We are featuring a cash Raw Bar, Raffle Prizes and Soda Bar. Tickets are \$25 each and are now on sale by association members, or call Brooks Wilson at 508-728-0840. When leaving a message state your name, call back number and number of tickets desired. We look forward to seeing you all in March.

Marion Natural History Museum

The Marion Natural History Museum is offering a couple of unique, part-time employment opportunities for educators. The museum is looking for an astronomer who is interested in sharing his or her knowledge with elementary school-age children using the Museum's portable Starlab planetarium. Applicant must be able to pack, lift and transport the equipment to schools. Some educational background with elementary school children is preferred.

In addition the museum is looking for one educational assistant and one lead teacher for our summer coastal programs for young children. This is a part-time position, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday through Friday for two 2-week sessions, one in July and one in August. Some knowledge of marine sciences and experience with



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teaching young children is helpful. If interested in either of these opportunities please send a letter of interest and brief resume to the Marion Natural History Museum, P.O. Box 644, Marion, MA 02738. CORI and reference check will be required.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Scholarship


Mattapoisett Woman's Club is again pleased to offer three \$1,000 scholarship awards to Mattapoisett residents who are high school seniors graduating in June 2012. The returning student scholarship award is for \$750. This award is designed for a student who is re-entering into the academic world after graduating prior to 2012, and is in pursuit of a post secondary degree program.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fundraising events to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. In offering these scholarships, the club supports educational leadership and helps to give back to the community, which has partnered with the club in its fundraising efforts.

To apply and obtain the scholarship applications, contact the guidance offices at the local high schools or preparatory schools. Both applications will be available. You must be a Mattapoisett resident, and those who are a member of, or have a family member, belonging to the Mattapoisett Woman's Club, will also be considered.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Hell's Angel

By Rob Gonsalves
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Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance. Starring Nicolas Cage and Johnny Whitworth. Directed by Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor. Running time: 93 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.

A *Ghost Rider* film directed by the lunatics who gave us the *Crank* movies promises grindhouse greatness. Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor, who always bill themselves as "Neveldine/Taylor," exploded the action genre with *Crank* and *Crank: High Voltage*, and the pair of films shake out as merrily absurdist guilty pleasures. But they were also rated R, and *Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance* — the second film featuring Johnny Blaze (Nicolas Cage), who turns into a motorcycle-riding demon with a flaming skull for a head — slinks into theaters with a family-friendly PG-13. Here and there the filmmakers sneak in something prankishly daft — like a shot of Ghost Rider peeing fire, which Neveldine/Taylor apparently enjoyed so much it's repeated. But this isn't nearly the *Ghost Rider* trash masterpiece I'd expected from these guys. It's fitfully diverting, and sort of just *there*.

Nicolas Cage does his bit, continuing to channel the gonzo spirit of legendary cult actor Timothy Carey. In an interrogation scene, Cage's Johnny grabs hold of some scruffy lowlife and demands answers, assuring the scum that he's trying *real hard* to hold down the demon who wants to bust out and torch the dude's face. Cage hams it up hardcore there, but he understands that there's really only one way you can play a guy whose head turns into a flaming skull. In another scene, we get to watch him transform, and Cage plays it as a king-hell nihilistic *wa-hoooo* epiphany. Johnny hates laboring under the curse that makes him Ghost Rider, but the change itself seems to unleash his id in a way that eluded both *Hulk* films. In these scenes, it feels as though we're watching an actor (and noted comic-book fan, which is why Cage has done two of these) having a ball turning into a cool visual.

Lamentably, there's not much to Ghost Rider but



the cool visual. His quest here is to rescue a boy from the devil, the same devil who cursed Johnny. This amounts to a lot of running from place to place in "Eastern Europe," with occasional pauses so that Ghost Rider can break out his flaming chain and turn various gun-toting nobodies into cinders. The main villain, aside from the devil, is a mercenary trying to kidnap the boy; the devil turns him into a creature who can decay anything with his touch. In a reasonable joke, we see this creature going through various foods — an apple, etc. — which decay instantly in his hand, and then settling on a Twinkie, which refuses to decay. I also laughed at a quick bit involving an upside-down Idris Elba, who plays some sort of ass-kicking member of a religious order tasked to protect the boy. Every time we see him, he's swigging some booze or another; when he shares a bottle of vintage wine with Johnny, our hero takes a swig and mutters, "That'd taste good on a salad."

Like the earlier *Ghost Rider* (2007), this one would be happier with no expectations whatsoever attached — you'd probably want to land on it randomly on TV on a slow Sunday afternoon. Visually it has considerably more oomph than its bland Mark Steven Johnson-directed predecessor, but if you decide to sit out its 3D theatrical engagement you will be missing, I promise you, very little. Like many another recent 3D presentation, it was not shot in 3D but converted later, unlike Cage's previous mean-motorscooter epic last year, *Drive Angry*. (*Ghost Rider* is, I guess, *Drive Angrier*.) All things being equal, I would rather have seen *Crank 3D*. That would have been insane and excessive and probably banned in several counties across America. What we have here — well, it'd taste good on a salad.

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The scholarship winners will be announced at the schools awards' night prior to graduation. The actual money from the scholarship will be granted after the first successfully completed semester in college. Final Deadline for returning completed applications is **April 30**. No one will be considered after this date.

If you have any further questions you may contact the Mattapoissett Woman's Club at P.O.Box 1444, Mattapoissett, MA 02739.

Mattapoissett Rail Trial Update

Friends of the Bike Path will meet **February 28** at the Mattapoissett Public Library on Barstow Street beginning 6:30 pm. We are gearing up for an active year of progress, public relations, and events. The meeting agenda will include questions and answers on progress, as well as a planning session for upcoming events, including: bike safety sessions and a bike ride in April, plus a fitness and a fundraising challenge on Sunday, June 24. Events will be family friendly to encourage everyone to come out and ride or walk on our beautiful rail trail.

Everyone who is interested in being on an email list to receive information about events and progress (Don't worry, we don't send out too many), please send us your email information to bdesousa43@verizon.net or to info@mattapoissettrail.com.

Even if you are a friend already, we are updating our membership files and need your latest information. Also, if you want to get information about the regional group – The South Coast Bikeway Committee – please say so in your email. The South Coast Bikeway Committee is working on a variety of informational and bike advocacy issues. Please come February 28 to learn all about what's happening on the Bike Path and sign up to volunteer.

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your chance to flaunt your grammatical prowess.

On Friday, **March 9** at 6:00 pm at the ORRHHS Auditorium, the Mattapoissett PTA is holding its First Annual Community Spelling Bee. The PTA is signing up 25 teams of three (*with one back up teammate) to compete for the status of "Town's Best Spellers". Teams are primarily adults, however there can be a mixture of adults and kids on a team.

For a contribution of \$50, you and two* other fabulous spellers will have the chance to show us what you know! Prizes will be awarded. Deadline for entering is Friday, **February 24**. For additional information visit www.mattapoissettPTA.org or contact: Kris Higgins at khiggins43@verizon.net or Amy Wiggin at amywiggin@comcast.net.

The event will be emceed by Michael Rock from Fun 107 with music by DJ Mike Bowman. The Word Announcer will be Kevin Tavares, OHS 4th Grade Teacher and judges include Rose Bowman, Center School Principal; Matt D'Andrea, OHS Principal; Sue Powers; OHS Secretary. Teams will be listed on the www.mattapoissettPTA.org website. In addition to spelling words correctly, there will be live auctions, raffles and a concession stand. General Admission: \$2 per person. Don't miss out on this night of fun for the whole family.

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EDITOR'S PICK OF THE WEEK

Marion Couple Vows to Win Wedding Video Contest By Laura Fedak Pedulli

It could be a plot that comes straight out of the 1989 classic *When Harry Met Sally*. Boy meets girl, girl meets boy. They become close friends, support each other through many relationship ups and downs – but never see what was obvious, even to their friends:



Laura Fedak Pedulli
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they were destined to be together all along.

For Marion couple Michelle Ouellette and Chris Perry, their love story was 25 years in the making. Now they are sharing their story in the hope of winning a contest for a free wedding in Portland, Maine.

Both 43, Michelle – a Sunday School Director at St. Gabriel's Church, Marion School Committee member, surrogate and mother – and Chris, an assistant with Sippican girls' basketball team, a member of the New Bedford Country Club and Chairman of the Four-Ball golf tournament, met early in life.

"We were fast friends," recalled Chris, who said the two met in high school in Dartmouth (Class of 1986). They always spent time together, even as double dates at their high school prom. They still have the photos of them together with their dates celebrating that high school milestone.

Post high school, they remained friends and socialized in similar circles.

"People always thought we dated," Chris said, but they had never dated, even briefly, over the years.

"He was never ready for a relationship. He wasn't ready to commit to a full-fledged relationship," she said of Chris.

Again and again, Michelle would seek solace in her friendship with Chris when confronting tough times.

"When these things happened, she always called me. We supported each other. That's what we've done for each other over the years," Chris said. She likewise was there for him when he underwent a major lifestyle change and lost 166 pounds.

However, signs appeared that romance was possible. Two years ago, there was that unexpected long kiss in a car after a night out with friends. And for 15 years without fail, she would give him peanut butter

cookies with chocolate kisses on top.

Even when Chris told his ex-girlfriend that he is marrying a close friend, she knew immediately it was Michelle because of those cookies.

Their friends knew better as well. One friend, Debbie, said upon learning of their recent engagement: "I always knew you cared about each other as more than friends."

Last summer, a friend finally broke the ice on a topic the two had never broached with each other. At the Airport Grille, the old friend boldly suggested they date. "You're the best couple I've ever seen," she had said, according to Chris.

In the moments after dinner, Chris finally summoned the nerve to suggest dating to Michelle. "Let's date," he told her. They both agreed to start off casual.

That night, Chris received an unusual text at midnight from Michelle, who said she had something very funny to share with him.

Before he had a chance to talk to her, he had

learned what was so funny that next morning when he checked his inbox: he had received an email from match.com saying they were a good match. She had received the same note.

"Are you kidding me? That's so funny!" Michelle recalled saying to Chris.

"Obviously the stars had aligned," Chris said.

After many months of the dating and 25 years of friendship, the couple is now ready to make the ultimate commitment and plan to get married this year.

In the hope of making it very special, the two entered a wedding contest sponsored by the magazine, *Real Maine Weddings*. They currently are one of three couples vying for the prize wedding – an all-expenses

paid wedding in Portland, Maine.

To see and vote for their video, go to www.realmaineweddings.com/itemlist/category/2.html. The first round of voting is from February 7 through March 15. Then finalists will be chosen and a new voting period will take place from March 19 through March 24.

The winner is determined 50 percent by the number of votes they receive, and 50 percent by judge's determination. Judges look at the video based on its creativity, personality and enthusiasm.

The lucky couple will be announced April 1 at a bridal show in Portland, Me. Best of luck, Chris and Michelle!



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spoof of the 1920's musical comedy *The Boy Friend*. This rollicking romantic comedy is set in the French Riviera. Polly, an English heiress attending Mme. Dubonnet's Finishing School, falls in love with Tony, a delivery boy. Recalling her father's warning to beware fortune seekers, she poses as a working girl, unaware Tony is in fact the missing son of the wealthy Lord Brockhurst. Things get complicated with the unexpected arrival of Polly's parents as well as Lord and Lady Brockhurst – but not to worry, a happy ending is in store for all!

The show's memorable characters include the flirtatious Mme. Dubonnet, her boy-crazy students and Polly (the role which turned Julie Andrews into an overnight sensation). With its catchy tunes, period dances (including the inevitable Charleston) and winning sense of humor, *The Boy Friend* is a sparkling, tongue-in-cheek 1920's romp.

This hysterical, fun-filled comedy has a cast and crew of 117 and is sure to please everyone! The cast includes Sr. Katie Holden - Polly, Jr. Max Houck - Tony, Jr. Marissa Despres - Hortense, Sr. Shannon Frink - Mme.

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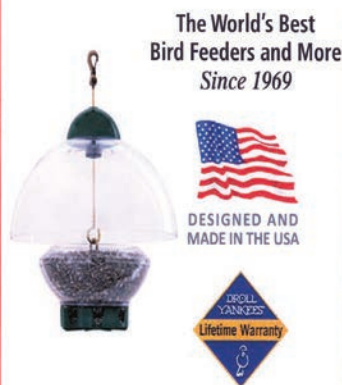
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Dr. Kate Marmelo graduated from Bishop Stang High School and received her Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Providence College (class of 2000). In 2004, she received her Doctorate of Optometry from New England College of Optometry. Dr. Marmelo purchased the Pearle Vision in North Dartmouth in 2010 where she examines patients of all ages. Dr. Marmelo resides in Mattapoisett with her husband and two children.

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Plumb Library in Rochester hosted Treasure Hunt Tuesday on February 21. Youngsters used clues to find items and learn about the library, the clues eventually lead to the Treasure Chest with a prize for each child inside. Photo by Beth Redman



The unseasonably warm weather has raised speculation among many on whether climate change is playing a role. A talk on global warming by Mary Jane Sorrentino at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on February 18 attracted many locals interested in hearing how it is affecting New England, our local coastal areas, and what responses communities can embrace. Photo by Laura Pedulli



The ORRHs cheerleaders placed first in their division at the SCC Southeast League competition. They and will be competing in SCC Regionals on March 4, 2012 at Dartmouth High School. Back Row L-R: Taylor Fien, Aja Duff, Alexis Stampely, Christina Sebastiao, Heather Nadeau, Victoria Medeiros and Shelby Cunningham. Front Row L-R: Brittany Brzezinski, Sam Allaire, Mattie Boyle, Courtney Tranfaglia, and Alex Duff-Thompson. Photo courtesy of Patricia McArdle

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Dubonnet, So. Samuel Resendes – Mr. Brown, Fr. Ian McClellan – Lord Brockhurst, Sr. Tess Roiter – Lady Brockhurst, Sr. Michael Stellato – Bobby Van Hussen, So. Nicole Enos – Maisie, Sr. Mikayla Florio – Nancy, Sr. Megan Pierce – Dulcie, Sr. Rachel Vincent – Fey, Sr. Sam Hill – Alphonse, Jr. Alex Milde – Pieire, Sr. Lucas Parker – Marcel. All are supported by an on-stage cast of 41 students, a back stage cast of 57 students and five students in the pit-band. The production is directed by Paul Sardinha with musical direction by Michael Barnicle and costumed by Helen Blake. Performance dates are **March 22, 23, 24** at 7:30 pm and **25** at 2:00 pm.

The Boyfriend will be presented in the Guilbert D. Bristol Auditorium at the Old Rochester Regional High School. Ticket prices are \$12 for senior citizens and students with an ID and \$15 for adults. Tickets are available at The Marion General Store in Marion, The Pen and Pendulum in Mattapoisett and Plumb Corner Market in Rochester and in the ORRHS during school hours. ORRHS is located on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. For more ticket information contact Lisa at 508-763-8571.

Sippican Lands Trust Cleanups

The next cleanup will be on Saturday, **February 25**, when members and friends of the Sippican Lands Trust will do trail maintenance work at Kenny's Landing, located at the end of Ichabod Lane in North Marion.

According to Bill Saltonstall, Head Steward for the Lands Trust, "We will be adding SLT signs to the parcel, do trail clearing as needed, wrestling with one big branch that has fallen into the shallow water between the launching area and the Sippican River, and cleaning up brush and storm-damaged trees near the road."

Mr. Saltonstall said people will be meeting at 9:30 am for coffee at Uncle Jon's and then drive over to Kenney's Landing. All are welcome to help. He asks that people sign up well ahead of time by calling the Sippican Lands Trust office at 508-748-3080. Gloves, clippers, and waterproof footwear are suggested.

Marion Census

If you have not yet returned, or telephoned



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Sippican School Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be five years of age by August 31, 2012, and reside in Marion are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten. Kindergarten Registration will be held at Sippican School on Thursday, **March 22** from 9:30 to 10:30 am and from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

During these times, registration forms will be

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Sunday February 26, 2011

6:30 AM - Words of Peace
7:00 AM - Second Coming Church
8:00 AM - New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM - Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM - Physician Focus
11:30 White House Chronicle
Noon - Register's Report
12:30 PM - Army Newswatch
1:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice Housecalls
1:30 PM - Navigating the Way For Seniors
2:00 PM - Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM - New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:30 PM - Dartmouth Community Medical School - Is Modern Society Killing Us?
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Monday February 27, 2011

8:00 AM - Deutsche Welle - Arts.21
9:00 AM - Your Money Your Life
10:00 AM - Army Newswatch
10:30 AM - White House Chronicle
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Middy Movie
2:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
3:00 PM - Words of Peace
4:00 PM - Earth Focus
4:30 PM - Explore
5:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show
5:30 PM - Around BCC
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
9:00 PM - Deutsche Welle - European Journal
9:30 PM - Global 3000
10:30 PM - Life Matters
11:00 PM - The David Pakman Show
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Tuesday February 28, 2011

8:00 AM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM - Graceful Aging
9:30 AM - ORCTV's Non Profit Highlights
10:00 AM - Senior Scene
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch

11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Middy Movie
3:00 PM - Dartmouth Community Medical School - Is Modern Society Killing Us?
5:30 PM - Graceful Aging
6:30 PM - The Dr. Is In
7:00 PM - Senior Scene
7:30 PM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:00 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents - Careers
9:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
10:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 PM - Physician Focus
11:00 PM - Free Minds TV
Midnight - Midnite Mausoleum

Wednesday February 29, 2011

8:00 AM - Cooking with Colby
9:00AM - Gardening
10:00 AM - Cooking with Marie
10:30 AM - Living Healthy - with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Middy Movie
3:00 PM - Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM - The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM - The Register's Report
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
8:00 PM - The David Pakman Show
9:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
10:30 PM - Life Matters
11:00 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM - Paranormal Generation
Midnight - Midnight Movie
1:30 AM - Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday March 1, 2011

8:00 AM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM - The Register's Report
10:00 AM - NASA 360
10:30 AM - Kids a Cookin'
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Middy Movie
1:30 PM - ORCTV 2012 Telethon Replay
6:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
7:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM - The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM - Just Coolin' - Jazz Hour
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers

2:00 AM - Midnight Mausoleum

Friday March 2, 2011

8:00 AM - Cooking with Colby
10:00 AM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 AM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Middy Movie
2:00 PM - Gardening
3:00 PM - Deutsche Welle - European Journal
3:30 PM - Global 3000
5:00 PM - Explore
5:30 PM - Earth Focus
6:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM - Free minds TV
8:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
8:30 PM - Around BCC
11:00 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM - Paranormal Generation
Midnight - Friday Night at the Drive-In - Midnight Movies

Saturday March 3, 2011

7:00 AM - Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM - Peek-a-boo Turtle
9:30 AM - NASA 360
10:30 PM - Go Fish - With Danny Kenney
11:00 AM - Kids a Cookin'
11:30 AM - ORCTV 2012 Telethon Replay
4:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
5:00 PM - The City of New Bedford's Arts & Culture Show
5:30 PM - Gardening
6:30 PM - Upper Cape Tech Careers
7:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM - The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM - Just Coolin' - Jazz Hour
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - The Dungeon of Dreck

MARION GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

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Daily Schedule

8:00 AM - Marion School Committee
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of

Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Marion School Committee
6:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

8:00 AM - Rochester School Committee
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
3:15 PM - Rochester School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 18

Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

8:30 AM - Mattapoiset School Committee - Education Matters
9:00 AM - RMS Play - Alice in Wonderland
10:00 AM - Tom Bliss Presents - NEC Prep Jazz Combos

Noon - ORRHS TV Production I - Dramatic Pieces
12:30 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents - Careers
1:00 PM - ORRHS Boys Basketball
2:30 PM - RMS Play - Alice in Wonderland
4:00 PM - Tom Bliss Presents - NEC Prep Jazz Combos
6:00 PM - ORRHS TV Production I - Dramatic Pieces
7:00 PM - RMS Play - Alice in Wonderland
8:00 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents - Careers
8:30 PM - Mattapoiset School Committee - Education Matters
9:00 PM - ORRHS Boys Basketball

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

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off the mark by Mark Parisi



processed, and new parents will have the opportunity to meet with our Principal and Nurse. A copy of each student's updated immunization record must be submitted at the time of registration. Records should include verification of lead screening, hepatitis B vaccination and other immunizations. An original birth certificate for each student must be presented to be photocopied. Proof of residency requirements must also be met. Three verifications of home address, (e.g. copy of lease or real estate tax bill, vehicle registration, driver's license, current electric, cable or gas bill).

Information and forms will be mailed by Friday, February 17 to the parents of all prospective kindergarteners. Any parent not receiving this information should call Cathy Caramanica at Sippican School at 508-748-0100, ext. 316.

Rochester Country Fair Fundraiser

The Rochester Country Fair is celebrating Saint Patrick's Day early this year with a Dinner Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, **March 3**. Guests are encouraged to don their green apparel for this fun-spirited event. Those who do wear green will receive a door prize appropriate with this year's Fair Theme, "Welcome to Pine Street"!

The fundraiser will take place at the Redmen Hall, located at 758 Main Street in Wareham. Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm and "The Relics" will begin performing at 8:00 pm.

Tickets cost \$18 each, while supplies last, and must be purchased in advance at either The Hair and Body Solution located in Rochester's Plumb Corner Mall or at The Ponderosa located on Rt. 105 Acushnet / Rochester Line. You may also reach any of the Fair Committee Members. Donations of raffle items are needed and will help support this year's Rochester Country Fair, which will take place at its new Fair Grounds on Pine Street. Visit our website www.rochesterma.com or contact Julie at jkoczera1@verizon.net for additional event information or support.



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After a period of inactivity, the Town of Mattapoisett Tax Rate Relief Committee is once again hard at work. The members of the group have been busy working on a new application and guidelines. Tax help will be provided thanks to donations solicited through the most recent water/sewer and property tax bills. Tax relief applications are available at the Council on Aging located at Center School. This program essentially helps seniors and those with certain disabilities pay their tax bill. \$500 grants are given to those in need on an annual basis. Applications will be due on **April 1** and recipients will need to re-apply each year. Proof of income and assets are required. If necessary, help with the forms



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MARION

Log highlights February 12 -February 18

- Converse Rd - Vandalism
- Register Rd - Medical Emergency
- Marconi Ln - Holdup Alarm
- Front St - Suspicious Activity
- Point Rd - Lock Out
- Rt 195 West - MVA
- Jenny Ln - Officer Wanted
- County Rd - Medical Emergency
- Count Rd - Vehicle Stop
- Mill St - Medical Emergency
- County Rd - Suspicious Vehicle
- County Rd - DMV
- Gifford's Corner - Suspicious Activity
- Wareham Rd - Follow-up Investigation
- Main St - Fire Alarm
- Front St - Burglar Alarm
- Spring St - General Service
- Register Rd - Trespassing
- Dexter Rd - Trespassing
- Fraser Rd - A&B Past
- Marconi Ln - Suspicious Activity
- Converse Rd - Health & Welfare
- Rezendes Ter - General Service
- Oak St - Medical Emergency
- Wareham Rd - Found Property
- Front St - Paper Service
- Mill St - Lock Out
- Green St - Suspicious Activity
- Point Rd - Burglar Alarm

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights February 13-February 19

- Holly Woods Rd - Animal Control
- Marion Rd - General Service
- Park St - Follow-up Investigation
- County Rd - Larceny/Fraud
- Hathaway - Ambulance Request
- County Rd - Follow-up Investigation
- Fairhaven Rd - Vandalism
- Wolf Island Rd - Animal Control
- Richard III Ln - Gunshots Reported
- Pine Island Rd - Ambulance Request
- Fairhaven Rd - Serve Warrant
- North St - Burglar Alarm
- County Rd - Transport Prisoner
- Chapel Rd - Suspicious Vehicle
- Mattapoisett neck Rd - Parking
- Waterman St - Fire Call
- North St - Burglar Alarm
- Brandt Island Rd - Health/Welfare
- County Rd - Fraud/Larceny
- Shore View Rd - Ambulance Request
- Bayberry Ln - General Service
- Marion Rd - Fire Call
- Water St - Found Property
- Second St - Burglar Alarm
- Church St Ext - Fire Call
- Bayberry Ln - Drugs/Narcotics
- Hubbard's Way - Disturbance
- Beacon St - Burglar Alarm
- Reservation Rd - Vandalism

ROCHESTER

Log highlights February 11-February 19

- Stuart Rd - Investigation
- Snipatuit Rd - Suspicious Activity
- North Ave - Animal Control
- Walnut Plain Rd - Animal Control
- Bindas Way - Suspicious Vehicle
- Walnut Plain - Burglar Alarm
- North Ave - Suspicious Person
- Vaughn Hill Rd - Vehicle Stop
- Dexter Ln - General Service
- Vaughn Hill Rd - Domestic Disturbance
- County Rd - Animal Control
- Freetown PD - Restraining Order
- High Street - Accident
- High St - Burglar Alarm
- Smalley Bog - Suspicious Activity
- Snipatuit Rd - Ambulance Request
- North Ave - Animal Control
- Mendell Rd - Ambulance Request
- Walnut Plain Rd - Arrest
- Braley Hill Rd - Radar Assignment
- Cranberry Hwy - Suspicious Vehicle
- Snipatuit Rd - Ambulance Request
- Cranberry Hwy - Suspicious Person
- County Rd - Vehicle Fire
- Bisbee Dr - Fire Alarm
- Earl's Ct - Burglar Alarm
- Pine St - Larceny/Fraud
- Mary's Pond Rd - Fire Call
- New Bedford Rd - Trespass

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, **February 27:** Lentil soup, pineapple ginger chicken, Tahitian blend vegetable, multi-grain roll, peach cup.
 Tuesday, **February 28:** Beef chili w/ vegetables, Spanish rice, dinner roll, chilled fruit.
 Wednesday, **February 29:** Roast pork w/ applesauce gravy, red bliss potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, birthday cake, diet: graham waffle.
 Thursday, **March 1:** Sloppy Joe, O'Brien potatoes, green beans, hamburger roll, pudding, diet: pudding.
 Friday, **March 2:** Whole grain, cheese ravioli w/ tomato vegetable sauce, broccoli, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit.

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, **February 27:** Popcorn chicken, lightly buttered noodles, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
 Tuesday, **February 28:** Meatball sub w/ cheese, steamed green beans, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday, **February 29:** Stuffed crust pizza, cucumber slices, fruit, milk.
 Thursday, **March 1:** Grilled chicken filet on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, oven roasted potato wedges, pickle, fruit,

milk.
 Friday, **March 2:** Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, warm apple crisp, fruit, milk.

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, **February 27:** Popcorn chicken, lightly buttered noodles, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
 Tuesday, **February 28:** Meatball sub w/ cheese, steamed green beans, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday, **February 29:** Stuffed crust pizza, fruit, milk.
 Thursday, **March 1:** Grilled chicken filet on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, oven roasted potato wedges, pickle, fruit, milk.
 Friday, **March 2:** Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, warm apple crisp, fruit, milk.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, **February 27:** Popcorn chicken, lightly buttered noodles, carrot & celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk.
 Tuesday, **February 28:** Meatball sub w/ cheese, steamed green beans, fresh fruit, milk.
 Wednesday, **February 29:** Chicken

fajita on a wheat or jalapeno wrap w/ cheese, lettuce & tomato, Spanish rice, fresh fruit, milk.
 Thursday, **March 1:** Grilled chicken fillet on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, oven roasted potato wedges, pickle, fresh fruit, milk.
 Friday, **March 2:** Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, warm apple crisp, fresh fruit, milk.

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, **February 27:** Popcorn chicken, lightly buttered noodles, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
 Tuesday, **February 28:** Meatball sub & cheese, steamed green beans, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday, **February 29:** Stuffed crust pizza, cucumber slices, fruit, milk.
 Thursday, **March 1:** Grilled chicken filet on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, oven roasted potato wedges, pickle, fruit, milk.
 Friday, **March 2:** Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, warm apple crisp, fruit, milk.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION

Monday, **February 27:** Popcorn chicken, lightly buttered noodles, carrot

& celery sticks, fruit, milk.
 Tuesday, **February 28:** Meatball sub w/ cheese, steamed green beans, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday, **February 29:** Stuffed crust pizza, cucumber slices, fruit, milk.
 Thursday, **March 1:** Grilled chicken filet on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, oven roasted potato wedges, pickle, fruit, milk.
 Friday, **March 2:** Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, warm apple crisp, fruit, milk.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH

Monday, **February 27:** Soft taco, Mexican rice, corn, lettuce, tomato, salsa, sour cream, peaches.
 Tuesday, **February 28:** Lasagna, bread, green beans, pears.
 Wednesday, **February 29:** Italian sub, chips, minestrone soup, carrots, lettuce, tomato, fruit.
 Thursday, **March 1:** Assorted lunches.
 Friday, **March 2:** Chicken nuggets, fries, side salad, fruit.

will be available.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Starting on **March 2**, the Mattapoisett COA will begin line-dancing classes with instructor Nancy Cabral on Fridays from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Beginners welcome. \$2 suggested donation. 17 Barstow Street, Center School, 508-758-4110

Other happenings:

• Art exhibit and sale: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. **March 24**. All ages welcome.

• Tax assistance-free: Wednesdays and Fridays, **February 8 – April 13**, by appointment. Only for Mattapoisett Residents 60+

• Vascular screening: 8:00 am – 12 noon, Tuesday, **February 28**, 15-minute sessions by appointment.

• Movie and popcorn: 1:00 pm. Tuesday, **February 28**. Classic movie TBD (call to register)

• Cardio and strength: 2:00 pm. Mondays, 10:00 am. Wednesdays (\$4)

• Stretch and balance: 12:00 noon, Mondays, Wednesdays

• Qigong: 10:00 am. Mondays, Fridays

• Knitting: 10:00 am. Mondays

• Scrabble: 1:00 pm. Mondays

• Yoga: 8:45 am. Tuesdays, Fridays

• Watercolor: 1:00 pm. Tuesdays

• Bingo: 1:00 pm. Wednesdays

• Mahjong: 1:00 pm. Wednesdays

• Bridge: 9:00 am. Thursdays

• Public health nurse: 9:30 am. Tuesdays, Thursdays

• Fairhaven loop (van service): 12:30 pm. Mondays – any stop from Route 6 to the bridge and Alden rd. To Bridge St.

• Grocery shopping (van service): 8:30 am. Tuesdays – Shaw's and Stop and Shop

• YMCA New Bedford: 8:15 am Mondays – starts at 9:00 am. (\$2)

• Transportation any location within Mattapoisett – call 48 hours in advance (\$1 round trip.)

Blanche B. Perry Scholarship Award

When there is a 10 percent cut in the financial aid budget for the state of Massachusetts; that means the affordability for more students to attend their college of choice will be compromised.

This year, the Mattapoisett Land Trust is looking to select a qualifying candidate for the \$1,000 "Blanche B. Perry Scholarship Award". This award is available to a resident senior graduating by June 2012 from secondary school pursuing an education in the sciences and or environmental studies or a related field.

The scholarship is made available through the Edith Glick Shoolman fund, a bequest left to provide support for children in the community. The scholarship is consistent with the Mattapoisett Land Trust mission "of preserving land in order to enrich the quality of life for

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10 Accomplished
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23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
26 On the up and up
27 Director Sergio
28 Grazing ground
29 Overact
31 Have a mortgage
32 Become engaged?
34 EMT's skill
36 "La Boheme" girl
39 Depravity
42 Heavy metal instrument?
45 Mellow
47 Rajasthani rhythm
48 Coach
49 Kayak commander

- 50 Part 2 of remark
54 Verbal explosion
56 Pittsburgh player
58 Skirt feature
60 Tangle
61 "May I interrupt?"
62 Vision
65 Cookbook phrase
66 Impressive lobby
68 Catches cod
71 Runner Sebastian
72 Karras or Haley
73 Part 3 of remark
77 Suggestive
80 — Na Na
81 Beloved
82 Type of aircraft
85 Maestro de Waart
86 Fusillade
88 Khartoum's river
90 Hopeless case
92 Jeeves or Passe-partout
94 Focused
97 Watchful city?
98 Part 4 of remark

- 101 Perfect
103 One of the Marches
104 Anesthetize
105 Fitting
106 Manuscript enc.
107 Goofy Gomer
108 Field event
111 "— the fields we go..."
113 Ballet movement
115 Overwhelm
116 Recruit personnel
118 Good times
121 Sari site
124 Rent
127 End of remark
131 Party present
132 Myriads of moons
133 "Midnight at the..." ('74 hit)
134 "— Gay"
135 Fight site
136 Room for relaxing
137 Marine leader?
138 Hardware item

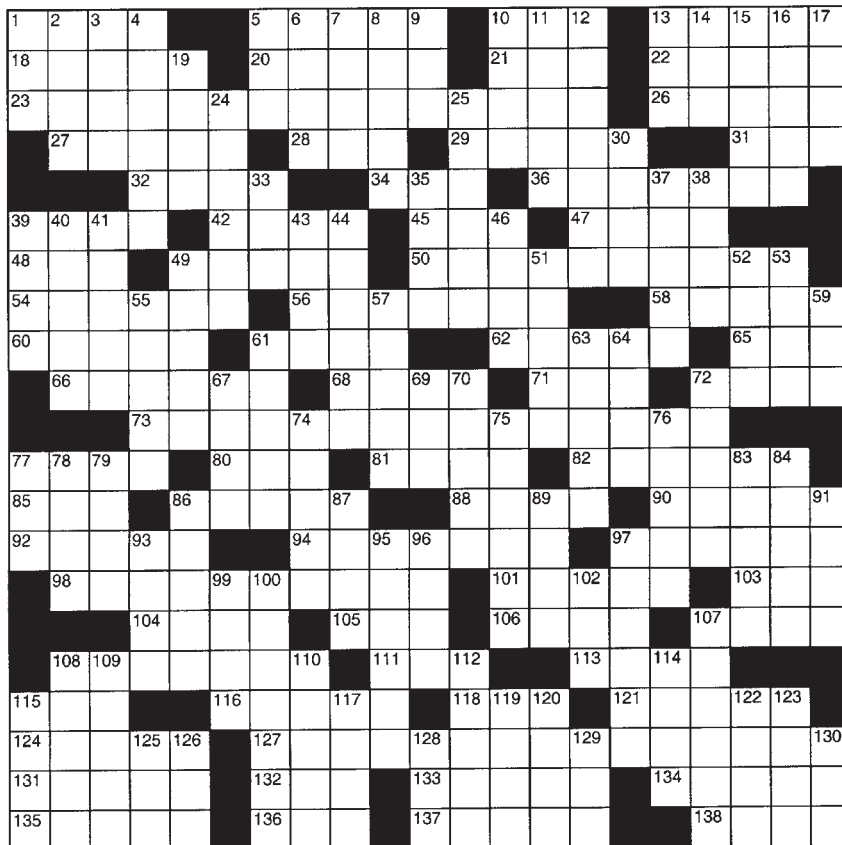
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- 1 Sports official
2 Face shape

- 3 Ill temper
4 She knew how to get a head
5 Droop
6 Do overhead plastering
7 Sarah — Jewett
8 Pale purple
9 "— volente"
10 "Carpe —"
11 Turn of phrase
12 Bother
13 "Fantasia" frame
14 Fish-and-chips accompaniment
15 Chauvinist
16 Conductor Seiji
17 Yarn
19 Muse count
24 Snuggle up
25 "The Aeneid" author
30 Jacob's twin
33 Tint
35 "— Rider" ('85 film)
37 Neighbor of Libya
38 Kite part
39 Places to dye
40 One of "The Three Sisters"

- 41 Jeweler's weight
43 41st or 43rd President
44 Be there
46 Gets by, with "out"
49 Impromptu
51 Author Jong
52 Patricia of "Hud"
53 Wild wind
55 Deck out
57 Edit a text
59 Duty
61 Menotti title character
63 Have thirds and fourths?
64 Cure
67 — Minor
69 Peg for Palmer
70 Footballer Lynn
72 Option
74 Maritime abbr.
75 Turning point
76 Actor Bruce
77 Part of IRS
78 Eliot's "— Bede"
79 Fountain order
83 Foe
84 Party hearty
86 Walk like a rooster
87 Recruit-to-be

- 89 Helen of Troy's mom
91 Wrath
93 Cubist
95 Warning
96 Tivoli's Villa d'—
97 Ancient tongue
99 Little devils
100 Bordered on
102 Kreskin's letters
107 Know-it-all
108 Vow
109 Throw forcefully
110 Resort lake
112 Bucolic
114 Memo start
115 — Romeo
117 Actress Sherilyn
119 "Yo!" at the library
120 Move a bit
122 "Blame — the Bossa Nova" ('63 hit)
123 Bill of Rights grp.
125 Every guy is one
126 Cy Young stat
128 Debtor's letters
129 Govt. agency
130 Beaver or beret



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ideas are finally reaching those who can appreciate them. But don't expect any immediate reactions. That will come later. Meanwhile, a personal matter needs your attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your energy levels are rising, and you're feeling restless and eager to get into some activity, whether it's for profit or just for fun. In either case, the aspects are highly favorable, so go for it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship seems to be winding down from passionate to passive. It's up to you to decide what the next step will be. But don't wait too long to take the initiative. Delay could create more problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A decision looms. But be very sure that this is what you really want before you sign or say anything. Once you act, there'll be little or no wiggle room for any adjustments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Money matters improve, but you still need to be cautious with your spending. Also, set aside that Leonine pride for a bit and apologize for contributing to that misunderstanding.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A tempting financial situation could make the usually unflappable Virgo rush in before checking things out. Be alert to possible hidden problems. Get the facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's nice to know that you're finally getting due credit for your efforts. You also should know that new opportunities will follow. A family member brings important news.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Any uncertainty that begins to cloud an impending decision could signal a need to re-examine your reasons for wanting to take on this commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You benefit from taking time out of your currently hectic schedule to do more contemplation or meditation. This will help re-energize you, both in body and soul.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings can zap the energies of even the usually self-confident Sea Goat. Best advice: Move forward. Success is the best balm for a painful ego.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A display of temperament surprises you, as well as those around you. It could be all that pressure you're under. Consider letting someone help you see it through.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some things don't seem to be working out as you'd hoped. Don't fret. Instead, take some time out to reassess your plans and see where changes could be made.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy traveling and meeting people. You are especially good with children and would make an excellent teacher.

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The application forms will be found in the guidance offices at the local public and private schools or at the Mattapoisett Land Trust website, www.mattlandtrust.org/education.

The deadline for submitting the forms will be **April 23**. The recipient will be selected by May 10 and will be notified by mail. For more information contact the MLT at: Mattapoisett Land Trust, ATTN: Education Committee, P.O. Box 31, Mattapoisett, MA 02739

LWV “Blue Book” Available Online

The popular Tri-Town telephone book, published by the League of Women Voters (LWV) and known as The Blue Book, can now be accessed online. The phone listings for residents of the three towns, and the community information pages for each town in the print edition are available on the LWV website at www.LWVmmr.org.

With a printed version of the Verizon phone book no longer readily available, this handy community resource has become even more valuable, and the League is pleased to be able to offer this new service to the residents of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

LWV asks residents and businesses to check their own listings, and if there are corrections or additions to be made, they should be submitted to the League of Women Voters of Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester (LWV-MMR) either by e-mail to: lwvphonebook@comcast.net or by completing the update form found on page 237 in the current 2011-12 Blue Book and mailing it to P. O. Box 812, Marion, MA 02738.

The next print edition of the Blue Book is scheduled for publication in the spring of 2013. In the meantime, go to www.LWVmmr.org for the current listings and additional valuable community information.

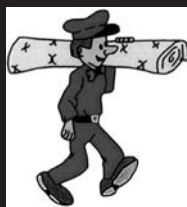
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Rochester Resident Permits

Transfer Station and Marion beach permits are available at the Selectmen’s office. The permits have been combined for a fee of \$20. Your vehicle registration is required at time of purchase. Wings Cove permits must be obtained from the Town of Marion.

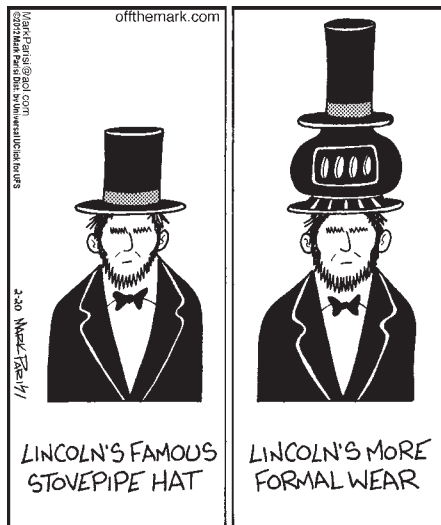

Winter/Spring Marion Museum Classes

February 29 - Starlab – Investigate the museum’s portable planetarium and learn to identify winter constellations. Presentation will be given by Mr. Robert Munro.

March 7 - Poison! - Do you know what types of chemicals lurk in your computer, your cell phone or in that paint can? Students will learn about some of the dangerous chemicals lurking within our homes and how we can protect ourselves and the environment from them.

March 21 - Endangered wildlife – What do the Ringed boghunters, Box turtles and Plymouth gentian have in common? Naturalist and dedicated animal advocate Jennifer Carlino will introduce students to some rarer

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<p>TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez</p> <p>1. TELEVISION: What was the theme song of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"?</p> <p>2. MUSIC: What rock group was featured in the documentary "The Kids Are Alright"?</p> <p>3. MYTHOLOGY: In Norse mythology, who were the Norns?</p> <p>4. MOVIES: Actress Shirley MacLaine played a nun in which movie?</p> <p>5. CARTOONS: What were the names of Daisy Duck's nieces?</p> <p>6. MEDICINE: Who discovered that yellow fever was transmitted by mosquitoes?</p> <p>7. LITERATURE: What was the first novel written by Raymond Chandler?</p> <p>8. AD SLOGANS: What company advised motorists to "trust your car to the star"?</p> <p>9. ANATOMY: What is a human being's normal body temperature in Celsius?</p> <p>Answers</p> <p>1. "Love Is All Around"</p> <p>2. The Who</p> <p>3. Norse goddesses of fate</p> <p>4. "Two Mules for Sister Sara"</p> <p>5. April, May and June</p> <p>6. Dr. Walter Reed</p> <p>7. "The Big Sleep"</p> <p>8. Texaco</p> <p>9. 37</p> <p>(c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.</p>	<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1017</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of David R. Langlais, 325 Snipatuit Road, Assessors plan 38 lot 12, who is seeking a special permit under section VIII.D.9.a., to allow conversion of a single family dwelling to a multi family dwelling. The public hearing will be on March 8, 2012, 7:30pm in the Town Hall, One Constitution Way. Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 02/23, 03/01</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2012-2013 school year at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, March 5, 2012, in the Cafeteria at the Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. 02/23, 03/01</p>	<p>Two Men and a Dump Truck available for cleaning out yards, houses, barns, attics. Transfer station runs, etc. Hedge and Tree Trimming. Call 508-992-4021 or cell 508-525-0248. Insured.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TWO WOMEN AND A MOP! Residential/Office cleaning. Two professional women willing to clean at honest and competitive prices. (508) 961-9211</p> <p>-----</p> <p>UNBELIEVABLE PAINTER Work Guaranteed, Referrals 35 Years Experience Amazing use of OIL and Latex 508.889.9800</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Vining's floor & carpet Vinyl floors shine like new, carpets cleaned. Residential, commercial, summer rentals. Ref. avail. Call Mike @ 781-789-1224</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Wanted to Rent Mattapoisett Waterfront / Beachfront 2+ bedrooms - no pets due to allergies looking for last week of July and/or 1st week of August please call 617-755-0981</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Warm, Comfortable, Affordable Radiant Heated Floors by CaloriQue.com 508.291.2000 or M.King@CaloriQue.com</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Will Cut Your Grass Free Estimates Carlos 508-287-3429</p> <p>-----</p> <p>WINTER RENTALS Marion-Bass Point 3BR, super views \$1100 Mattapoisett-1+BR,w/loft water views \$800 YEAR ROUND RENTALS Marion-1+BR, town house on 18 acres, many new improvements. Elect incl \$1250 Mattapoisett-2+BR, waterfront, outstanding views. Dock use available. \$1000 Marion-2BR, charming home, new appliances \$1000 Race Real Estate 508-536-1192 or 508-748-0479 www.racereonline.com</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Wurlitzer Spinnet Piano looks great, needs key work and tuning. \$500 OBO Call 508-758-3094</p> <p>-----</p> <p>YOUR HOUSEKEEPER Residential, Cottage, and Office Cleaning Bonded and Insured 508-207-6362 or 508-994-2711</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</p>
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animal and plant species and discuss the difficulties they endure in order to survive in our area.

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April 11 - Lift Off! Students will be building and sending off rockets with UMass Dartmouth chemist and local legend Dr. Dills. Please remember to save as many of those two liter soda bottles as you can beforehand and bring them in with you.

May 16 – Boat trip within Sippican Harbor with the Marion Harbormaster's office. Hopefully students will

see the nesting Ospreys, so bring binoculars if you have them. Students must bring their own life jackets. No jacket - no ride. Program is limited to 12 children, so please register early.

June 6 – Looking at watersheds. For our last afterschool program of the year students will be conducting hands-on experiments to illustrate the importance of our shared watershed. The class will be getting dirty, so please dress appropriately!

Cost for each program is \$4 for members and \$6 for nonmembers. Please register at www.MarionMuseum.org and send registration form in with payment.

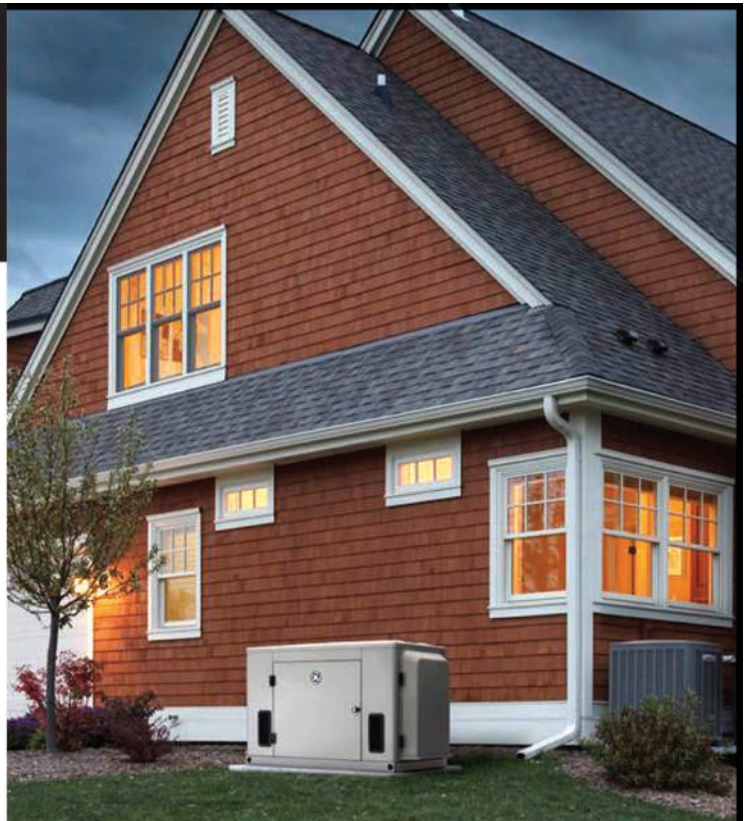
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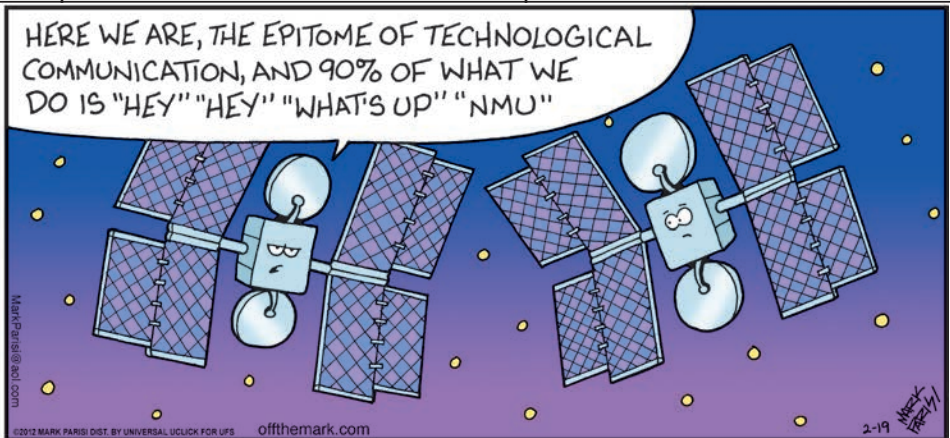
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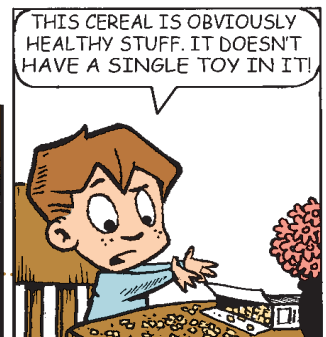
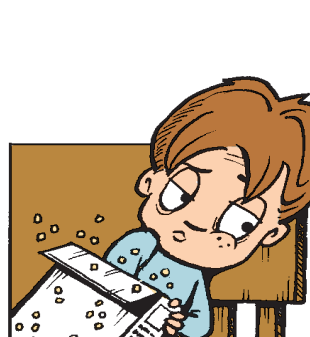
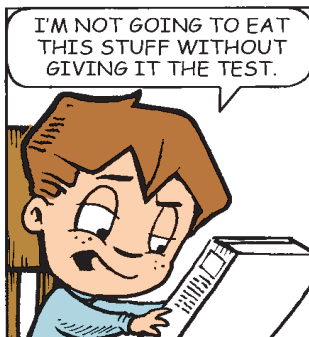
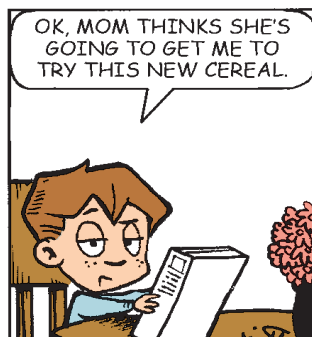
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- **Assessor:** 1 position for 3 years
- **Moderator:** 1 position for 1 year
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Rochester Water Committee to Be Formed

On November 3, 2011, the Governor signed a bill allowing the Town of Rochester to establish a Water Commission. This will be a three-member board to be elected at the **April 11** Annual Town Election. There will be one position for three years, one position for two years and one position for one year. Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's office.

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Michelle Hughes	February 24
Tiffany Harris	February 24
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Quinn Perry	February 25
Tori Saltmarsh	February 25
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Kristen Casey	February 26
Phil Barrows	February 26
Rick Bousquet	February 26
Savanah Morrell	February 26
Sydney Grace Merusi	February 26
Art Blackburn	February 27
Dottie Nunes	February 27
Faith Perkins	February 27
Jaelyn Allen	February 27
Patrick Denise	February 27
Courtney Cardoza	February 28
Gina Sprague	February 28

If you would like The Wanderer to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com/birthday. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.

PET PICK

This is Triscuit. She is 3 yrs. old & stands 6" from the ground & weighs 11 lbs. She was adopted out of a shelter in TN. Her mom was put there after losing her family from Hurricane Katrina. She became pregnant & had a litter; all of the litter (parvo virus) was lost with the exception of Triscuit. I am told she is a cross breed of yorkie & jack russell terrier. She is extremely friendly, smart & loves attention. One of her favorite things is chasing any animal in the backyard...from rabbits, squirrels & birds. She also can be seen around town riding around in her car seat; yes, she has a dog seat in the car! At times, I think she believes she is human. I have grown up loving & appreciating animals of all kinds but she is awfully special. - Heather Ruel



Each week we will showcase pets from the TriTown and the stories behind them. Send in your pet pictures and stories so we can share them with all our readers.
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• **Annual Town Election for 2012** – The Annual Town

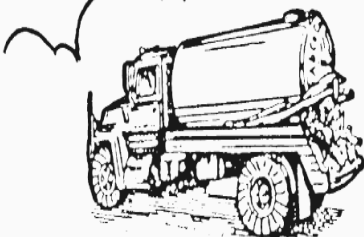
Election for the Town of Rochester will be held on April 11. Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's office. The last day to take out papers for positions on the 2012 ballot is Wednesday, **February 22**. Positions open are Selectman, three years, Moderator, three years, Assessor, three years, Board of Health, three years, Cemetery Commission, three years, Park Commission, three years, Library Trustee, two positions, three years, Tree Warden, three years, Rochester Memorial School Committee, two positions, three years, Planning Board, one position, five years, one position, three years and one position for one year. Just a reminder, the Town Clerk's office is open on Monday evenings between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

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Exhibitors are encouraged to offer workshops and home improvement seminars to show attendees. Businesses and suppliers interested in exhibiting at the show, or sponsoring the event, can email Christine Lacourse, Executive Director at BBAHFH, at BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com, or call 508-758-4517.

The Home and Garden show will be held inside the Tabor Academy's Travis Roy Ice Rink, located at 266 Front Street in Marion. Admission into the Home and Garden Show will be free to the public. The event is in support of the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity affiliate. BBAHFH will distribute door prizes and will hold raffles throughout the show. The event will also include activities for children.

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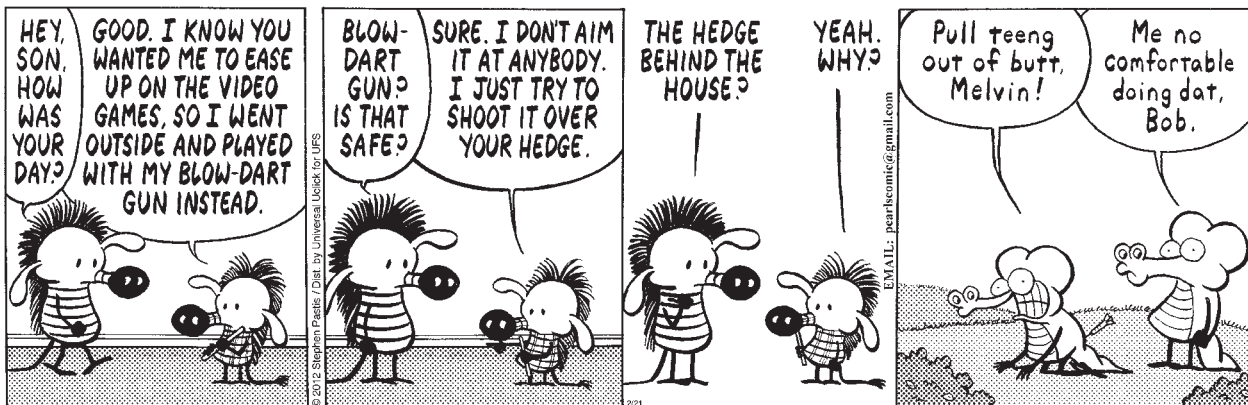
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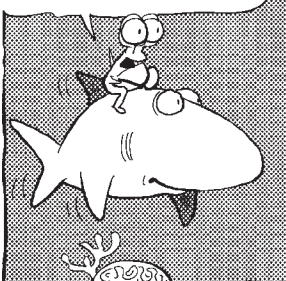
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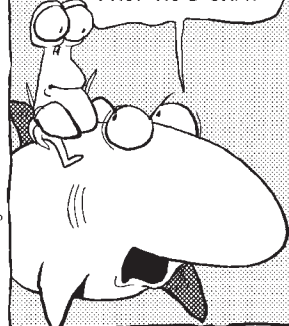


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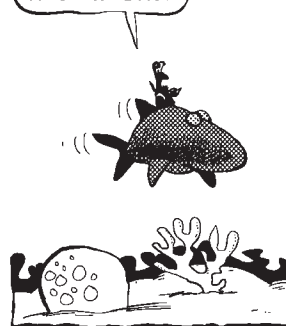
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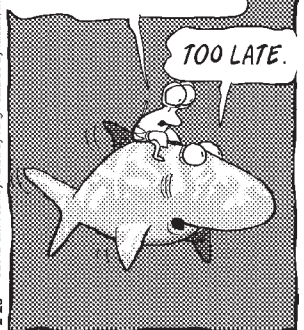
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• **Wednesday Dance Academy** – Wednesday Dance Academy includes Intermediate (age 8 - 12) 5:30 to 6:15, \$150/\$165; classical dance instruction in ballet, tap, jazz and basic tumbling as well as Hip Hop I (age 6 - 9) 4:30 – 5:00 \$135/\$150; Gymnastics (age 6 to 12) 5:00 to 5:30 \$135/\$150; Hip Hop II (age 6 to 12) 6:15 – 6:45 \$135/\$150. Dancers may add another class for an extra \$85. Classes start week of February 6. Teah Johnson is instructor.

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• **Piano Lessons** – Piano lessons for preschoolers are offered by appointment on Friday mornings. Jamie Wiksten is the instructor. For more information, call 508-295-0379 or e-mail jwiksten@verizon.net. Private piano lessons for beginners and intermediates are offered by appointment with Nancy Sparklin, instructor – 508-763-2327.

• **Call for Artists** – The Marion Art Center invites artists to submit work for an exhibition and sale entitled "Images: The Lands of the Sippican Lands Trust". The exhibition will run from **October 5 to November 10**.

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FNMA	Downing, Ellen F Financial Freedom Acq	4 Park St	Mattapoisett	02/01/2012	252000
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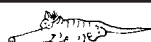
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
February 23:	Thurs.	8:47	9:02	2:00	2:10
February 24:	Fri.	9:26	9:41	2:37	2:43
February 25:	Sat.	10:05	10:19	3:13	3:18
February 26:	Sun.	10:05	10:19	3:13	3:18
February 27:	Mon.	11:23	11:35	4:28	4:32
February 28:	Tues.	...	12:05	5:11	5:15
February 29:	Wed.	12:17	12:42	6:03	6:07
March 1:	Thurs.	1:06	1:45	7:19	7:12
March 2:	Fri.	2:03	2:47	8:56	8:27
March 3:	Sat.	3:08	3:50	9:58	9:33
March 4:	Sun.	4:14	4:48	10:44	10:30
March 5:	Mon.	5:11	5:39	11:25	11:21
March 6:	Tues.	6:01	6:26	...	12:04
March 7:	Wed.	6:48	7:12	12:11	12:42
March 8:	Thurs.	8:20	8:44	1:47	2:01
March 9:	Fri.	8:20	8:44	1:47	2:01
March 10:	Sat.	9:08	9:34	2:34	2:42
March 11:	Sun.	11:52	...	5:09	5:08

Phases of the Moon	First Quarter	March 1st
	Full Moon	March 8th
	Last Quarter	March 15th
	New Moon	March 22nd



I Found the Aardvark!

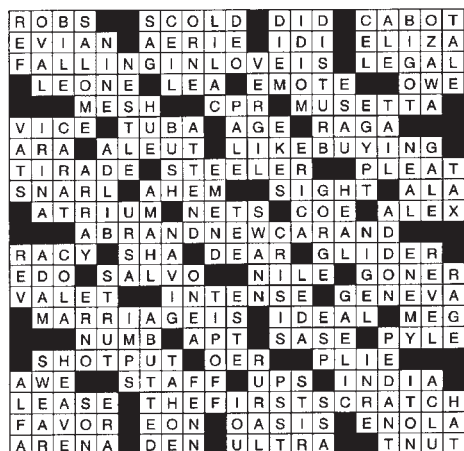
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In the February 16, 2012 issue the Armadillo was on page 23!

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solution

1. Negate; 2. Travel;
3. Envy; 4. Shift

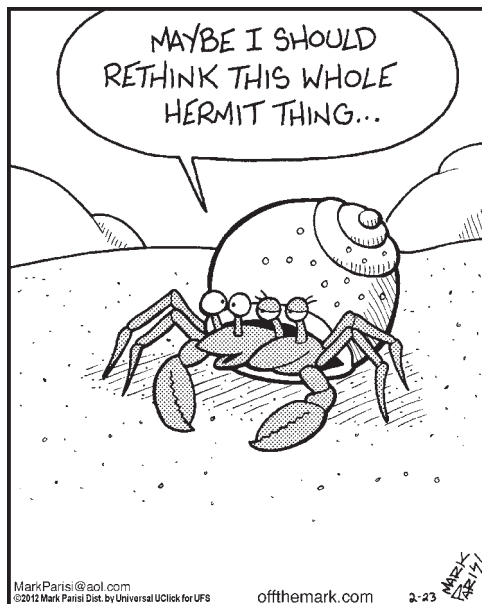
Today's Word:

EVERYTHING

Sudoku Answer

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7	8	2	3	1	6	9	4	5
5	3	1	9	7	4	8	6	2
9	2	6	5	3	8	7	1	4
3	1	8	4	9	7	2	5	6
4	5	7	2	6	1	3	8	9
8	4	3	1	5	9	6	2	7
2	6	5	7	8	3	4	9	1
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